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Mayor April Capone Almon Freezes Her Salary Again for 2009

As the country at large is feeling financial constraints, so are our local towns and cities and this burden weighs heavily on many elected officials. East Haven's Mayor, April Capone Almon, has made curbing costs a priority for since her first day in office.

For the 2009-2010 budget Mayor April Capone Almon has once again declined a cost of living increase. Had the Mayor accepted what the previous administration had approved in the 2007-2008 budget, Mayor Capone Almon would have received an additional \$5000.00 when she came into office in November 2007. Bi-annually this would have cost taxpayers an additional \$10,000.00. Had Capone Almon taken that original increase her cost of living raise would have been an additional 3% or \$5,100.00. To date this is a savings of \$15,100.00 for the Town of East Haven. Currently the Mayor earns \$75,000.00 a year. When asked why she did not accept the raise again for the second year in a row, she responded, "As a town, a state and a nation we are in a serious financial crisis. We will all have to make sacrifices and many folks in our community have already faced lay-offs and foreclosures. Though, \$10,000 may appear to be a small amount compared to an \$81 million budget, I feel that it is important to set the example for taxpayers and town employees."

To address the challenges and opportunities ahead, Mayor April Capone Almon will present her first full State of the Town Address to the honorable members of the Town Council, members of all Boards and Commissions, local businesses and to the citizens of East Haven. Residents are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn, not only what has been accomplished in East Haven within the last year, but also what is planned for 2009. This meeting of the Town Council will be held at the East Haven High School Auditorium, 35 Wheelbarrow Lane, East Haven, Connecticut at 7:30 on January 6, 2009.

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