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The Mayor's Gallery to Open Mayor Moccia welcomes artists and art lovers to inaugural exhibit

Norwalk Mayor Richard Moccia will unveil the first exhibit in "The Mayor's Gallery" Tuesday December 7, 2010, from 4:00 until 7:00.

The Gallery, set at the entrance to the Mayor's offices, room 236 of Norwalk City Hall, has been set aside to provide exhibit space for art of significant interest to Norwalk.

The first exhibit, titled *Here and Gone: Pictures of Our Past*, presents a series of remarkable enlargements of vintage postcards of our area. Utilizing the latest imaging techniques the scenes have been digitally enhanced and enlarged by Jeffrey Price of The Artists' Market, beautifully framed, evoking memories of times which surrounded us years ago.

In presenting the series to the City of Norwalk, Mr. Price welcomed the opportunity to prominently display the series in a place open to all Norwalk residents. Said Mr. Price, "Modern technology has provided a means to share memories and sentiments which heretofore have been available mostly in old family scrapbooks and picture boxes. I am honored to present the inaugural collection at the unveiling of "The Mayor's Gallery" and look forward to sharing conversations at the opening Tuesday evening."

Mayor Moccia in partnership with the Norwalk Commission on the Arts conceived the idea of welcoming citizens to his offices via an art gallery as a means of exhibiting regional artwork and the City's commitment to the arts, welcomes the first exhibit. "I recall many of these postcard scenes in a fond way and am sure many citizens will find wonderful memories through this exhibit," said Mayor Moccia. "I sincerely appreciate the generosity of Jeffrey Price of The Artists' Market for his willingness to share this important exhibit with our City Hall visitors."

Mayor Moccia further noted the exhibit opening will be the first such unveiling since his recent appointment as Vice Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment and Sports Committee. "The Mayor's Gallery demonstrates again Norwalk's valued reputation as a community that is devoted to the arts and I commend the Arts Commission for spearheading this latest effort," the Mayor said.

Arts Commission Chair Jackie Lightfield welcomed the new Gallery to City Hall. "This is more evidence of Norwalk's commitment to the arts community. Mayor Moccia has been a consistent friend to artists and the opening of The Mayor's Gallery provides more evidence of his devotion to the arts."

Mr. Price will join Mayor Moccia and Chairman Lightfield at the gallery opening Tuesday, December 7, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. The opening reception is sponsored by the Norwalk Commission on the Arts and the Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce.