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On April 10, 2006, a group of concerned Hartford residents and business owners held an informal meeting at the Paradise Restaurant in Hartford. At that meeting, they agreed to form a political action committee (PAC) to be known as the Hartford Citizens for Responsible Government, a not-for-profit organization. The group selected Hartford resident Marilyn Raschka as it's spokesperson, and Hartford business owner Michael Eggleston as it's treasurer, and filed necessary registration papers with the City of Hartford on April 11.

The intent of the HCRG is to monitor the actions - past, present, and future - of Hartford's elected officials, appointees, and government employees, and hold them accountable for action taken on behalf of the City of Hartford and its residents.

The catalyst behind the formation of the HCRG was the recent annexation of the Gary Doll property on Hartford's west side for the proposed Wal-Mart Super Center, which the HCRG contends that neither the Common Council nor the offices of engineering, planning, and administration ordered sufficient or complete studies on the economic, traffic, and environmental impact of the proposed Wal-Mart Super Center in Hartford. As part of the organizations standard procedures, they intend to exercise their rights under existing open records laws to examine back records pertaining to the Wal-Mart issue. Findings will be reported regularly in the media, as well as on the HCRG website.

Individuals can join, donate, and find out more information at <http://www.hartfordcrg.org>, or by e-mail to info@hartfordcrg.org.

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