



- FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY
- THE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
- NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION
- ASSOCIATED INDEMNITY CORPORATION
- AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY

**PUBLIC OFFICIAL
BOND**

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we Miriam Merced
 _____ as Principal, and The American Ins. Co.
 _____, a New Jersey corporation, and
 authorized to do business in the State of Indiana, as Surety, are
 held and firmly bound unto City of Gary
 _____, as Obligee, in the
 amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred and no/100 (\$ 8500.00) Dollars
 to the payment whereof, the said Principal binds himself, his heirs, and personal representatives, and the Surety binds itself, its
 successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED 2/19 19 86
 _____ Clerk

WHEREAS, the Principal has been duly elected or appointed to the office or position of _____
 _____ and is furnishing this bond for the period
 beginning 2/19, 19 86, and terminating 2/19, 19 86;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that if the Principal shall, during the effective period of
 this bond, well and truly perform all the duties of, and account for and pay over as required by law all funds coming into his
 possession by virtue of his office or position aforesaid, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and
 effect subject, however, to the following further conditions, which shall be conditions precedent to recovery hereunder.

1. This bond is effective for the period beginning 2/19, 19 86
 and is continuous from its inception to its termination, as provided in Condition 5, below.
2. This bond does not cover (a) loss arising out of any acts or omissions occurring prior to its effective date, (b) any shortage
 of funds or property existing prior to such effective date, nor funds or property applied to any such shortage, (c) loss arising
 out of the failure, suspension, or restricted operation of any bank or banks, depository or depositories, or law, decision, or
 ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding, nor (d) loss arising out of the Principal's failure to collect taxes.
3. The amount of this bond as above set forth is the Surety's maximum aggregate liability hereunder, and neither the duration
 of the coverage nor the basis upon which premiums are computed shall render such amount cumulative.
4. Upon discovery by the Obligee of any fact or circumstance indicating a possible claim hereunder, immediate written notice
 thereof containing all details then known shall be given to the Surety at its principal office.
5. All liability of the Surety hereunder for future acts and omissions of the Principal shall terminate at the end of the period
 shown in the Whereas clause above, unless terminated earlier upon the happening of any of the following events: (a) discovery
 by the Obligee of any dishonest act or omission of the Principal, or (b) the Principal ceasing to occupy the office or position
 above set forth, or (c) the giving of written notice by the Surety of the Surety's election to terminate, which notice shall be
 effective thirty (30) days after its receipt.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Principal has hereunto set his hand and seal and the said Surety has caused this instru-
 ment to be signed by its Attorney in Fact, the day and year first above written.

Accepted and approved this 19th
 day of March 1986,

RICHARD G. HATCHER, Mayor

BY: Miriam Merced (SEAL)

The American Ins. Co.
 Surety

BY: Jeane Gonzalez
 Jeane Gonzalez Attorney in Fact

AT Merrillville, IN

STATE OF Indiana } ss.:
 COUNTY OF Lake
 Before me, a Notary Pub. this 26th day of February, 19 86
 personally appeared the said Miriam Merced to me known and
 known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing bond, and he acknowledged to me that he
 executed the same.

MARY D. PENDLETON
 NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF INDIANA
 LAKE CO.
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPT 27 1986
 ISSUED THRU INDIANA NOTARY ASSOC.