

# 31<sup>ST</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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## RESOLUTION NO. 4235 ESTABLISHING THE CHARTER REVISION QUESTIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 BALLOT

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 7-191(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Board of Representatives, by Resolution number 4234 approved submitting the proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City of Stamford at the regular election to be held on November 7, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.G.S. § 7-191(f) the Board of Representatives has the responsibility to prepare the proposed charter amendments for the ballot in the form of one or several questions;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 31<sup>ST</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT:**

The following question covering all the proposed Charter amendments shall be placed on the ballot in the November 7, 2023 general election.

Shall the Charter be revised to clarify and make it easier for the public to understand, have access to and hold more accountable Stamford's government by the following: (a) create more opportunities for the public to participate in government; (b) clarify, define and make more understandable certain common terms in the charter; (c) require clear reporting and accountability for legislative, legal and fiscal matters; (d) include recognition of diversity, equity and inclusion ("DEI") as an important goal for the City; (e) end the practice of allowing members of decision-making boards and commissions to remain in office beyond the expiration of their term; (f) clarify the requirement that certain appointed executive officials live in Stamford, subject to a waiver provision; (g) allow the Board of Representatives to obtain legal services, as necessary, as do other local legislative bodies in Connecticut (h) create new charter boards and commissions to promote the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act/DEI, mental health, housing and harbor management; and, (i) reorganize the budget process to permit residents to voice their opinions and concerns in a pre-budget public hearing, require publication of a budget calendar and ensure compliance with state law?


This resolution will be effective upon enactment.

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This resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 24-15-0 at a Special Meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives held on September 6, 2023.

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31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives

  
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