



2021 Redistricting Committee - Board of Representatives

Anabel Figueroa, Co-Chair

Mary L. Fedeli, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Redistricting Committee of the Board of Representatives met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Figueroa and Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Coleman, Goldberg, and Miller. Excused was Rep. Tomas. Also present was Rep. Morson.

Co-Chair Fedeli called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. R31.004	ORDINANCE; <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; concerning boundaries of voting districts. 04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Fedeli and Figueroa 04/28/22 – Approved by Committee 6-0-1	Approved 5-0-0

Co-Chair Fedeli opened the public hearing. Kieran Matthew Edmondson read the following statement into the record:

To, the Redistricting Committee,

Good evening to all of you. My name is Kieran Edmondson, and once again, I would need to be sharing my brief remarks, to the members of the Redistricting Committee, of the 31st Board of Representatives, about making such a final adoption, on how of all of the 20 voting districts, in many neighborhood of the city of Stamford, Connecticut, are to be carried out, distributed, proposed, and to be taken place, on behalf of all of Stamford's registered voters, 20 elected/appointed members of the Stamford Board of Representatives, and how to make the Stamford city map, to look accurate for many political reasons, for future elections to be coming, by voting and choosing, since we are now exactly less than 6 more months, away, until the upcoming midterm elections, that will be taking place on November 8, 2022, as one of the most important, consequential, acknowledged, and serious, political elections, under the current first term of President Joe Biden, and that we are exactly less than 3 more months, until the upcoming primary elections, that will take place on August 9, 2022, for many Democratic and Republican political candidates, at the state level of Connecticut, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of the State, Comptroller, Treasurer, State House, State House, and even the Congress of the

United States, at the Federal level of the national government, and for some local positions, in Stamford, that includes Registrars of Voters, and, or for some other open positions.

To the Redistricting Committee, as I have currently been the leader, of the Voting Rights and Political Representation Committee, for the NAACP Young Adults Committee; a volunteer co-captain of the Voter Services Committee, of the League of Women Voters; as an Election Poll Worker at the Salvation Army Community Center, and as well as a political activist, advocate, intern, and volunteer, I would recommend that all members of the Redistricting Committee, to make a plan with the 19th Charter Revision Commission, the Registrars of Voters office, and other local departments, that works with administering electoral/political services, on how to make either all, some, or even a few voting districts, across the entire city of Stamford, to have such affirmative, accurate, and important details, to remind all citizens of our local community, who are affiliated with any political party, whether they are Democrats, Republicans, Independents, whether they live on the Waterside, West Side, South End, Downtown, North Stamford, Glenbrook, Shippan, or any other neighborhood section, whether they are local, elected officials of the city, or just private residents/citizens, I would recommend that Sec. 17.1, which is under of the City Charter, that is the local constitution of the Stamford Government, would either be changed, recommended, or just let it stay where it is, and to have all of the polling stations, to prepare Stamford citizens to continue to exercise their fundamental, constitutional, and lawful right, to be voting for every federal, state, and local leaders, in every Presidential, off-year, and midterm elections, for every 4 years, 3 years, and 2 years, between November 2-November 8, on the Tuesday after the first Monday, and to vote for vacant seats, in every special elections in any of the 12 months, between January through December.

To the Redistricting Committee, I must briefly urge every one of you, to recommend any such of the potential changes, that must be considered on behalf of the entire city of Stamford, for all registered voters of every political affiliation, for all 40 elected, and appointed members, of the Stamford Board of Representatives, who represents local residents in all of the 20 districts, 2 from each of the 20 districts, and to make such election boundaries, and voting districts, in such a organized, proper, accurate, affirmative, and appropriate matter. Thank you for this opportunity, and have a good night.

There being no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Committee members noted that it was disappointing that more members of the Board had not participated in this process.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Fedeli, Figueroa, Coleman, Goldberg, and Miller in favor).

Co-Chair Fedeli adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).