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## BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES 2023-24 Budget Presentation

**Requested Budget: \$1,399,218**

The responsibility of the Registrar of Voters Office is to conduct all elections, maintain all registry lists in accordance with Federal and State law, inspect to ensure that all polling places meet the requirements of the American Disabilities Act, are handicap accessible and regularly upgrade election personnel. Prepare annual budgets. Ensure the proper maintenance, transportation, storage, and preparation of voting machines

2023 - local elections- Primary in September and the Election on November 7th with 20 districts voting for BOF, BOE, BOReps, **EARLY VOTING starting in the State of CT**. We have been informed by Data Guard that our storage will increase approximately \$600.00 per month starting July 1, 2023.

2024 - January Town Committee, possible primary in up to 20 districts. March Presidential Preference Primary and we need to staff for **Early voting** –General Assembly will approve either 10, 14 or 18 days of EV including 2 weekends and the hours are 10 am – 6 pm with 2 days 8 am – 8 pm.

From past experience we must include the addition of the after-election audit as required by state law to confirm the accuracy of the voting scanners. The City of Stamford can count on being picked in a lottery draw at the Secretary of State office between 2 and 5 districts being audited.

**Early voting**, EDR, AB increase in applications, machines at end of life, # of new voters, voters and changes, increase in both postage and printing for annual canvass of the entire city. Overtime for staff.

Record Maintenance the year 2022 we had taken off 6,906 and put on 6,004 voters and an additional 8,747 voters sent in 12,281 changes to their voter details i.e. party, name, address.

**Early voting**, as of Friday, March 17, 2023 we had no knowledge how this in going to proceed, as of March 21, 2023 the Senate has not finalized the details, as such we have no money appropriated for **Early Voting**. We just know that we will need to staff, locate a designated room and purchase materials. We are coming to you blind at this time as to how much money to request for **Early Voting**. We should add a line item to our budget for Early Voting to be funded by the City of Stamford.

2024 Presidential year with an earlier primary than in the past, EDR – Election Day Registration / **Early voting** implementation/ increase in Absentee Ballot voting, and we have been inundated with special elections in the past few years which are costly and have low voter turnout