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Honorable Stamford Board of Representatives Legislative and Rules Committee, et al:

This email concerns the proposal to establish a Stamford Appointments Commission. Kindly accept this missive as an endorsement for the creation of a Stamford Appointments Commission from the Stamford Concerned Clergy Coalition (CCC).

During the past year, the CCC has met with the current administration to voice issues on the selection and appointment of residents to the various Stamford Boards and Commissions. As part of its approach to the Boards and Commissions appointees, the CCC discovered names of persons who no longer live in Stamford, people who serve on Boards and Commissions but have legal residence in other jurisdictions including other states, and some Boards and Commissions with people who were/are handpicked for appointment without regard to qualifications.

Historically, it is known that the Democratic Central Committee (DCC) and Republican Town Committee (RTC) held major roles in deciding who would get recommended and appointed to Boards and Commissions. From the perspective of the CCC this has led to greater partisanship, and caused a general lack of citizen participation as volunteers to the City.

Hopefully, an Appointments Commission would minimize the politics, select the better qualified people and enhance the Boards and Commissions role for Stamford.

You can reach your undersigned at (203) 820-5952 with any concerns.

On behalf of the Stamford Concerned Clergy Coalition, I am,

Dr. Tommie Jackson