

# 30<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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## RESOLUTION NO. 4113 SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION UPGRADING OF DRAINAGE AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

**WHEREAS;** flooding has been, and continues to be a significant recurring problem in the City of Stamford, and

**WHEREAS;** recent storm Elsa, July 2021, underlined the magnitude of the problem with widespread flooding of streets, dwellings, and property damage, and

**WHEREAS;** soon thereafter storm Ida, August 2021, further exposed the inadequacy of drainage infrastructure with even more street and dwellings flooding, property damage, including overtopping the hydraulic capacity of the waste water treatment plant, leading to vast quantities of partially treated sewage spilling into the storm drainage system, the harbor, and surrounding streets, and

**WHEREAS;** the scientific consensus is that events such as Elsa and Ida will become more frequent and severe.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives that the Administration proceed with deliberate action to develop a short, medium, and long term plan to mitigate the impact of storms on public health and safety, and City operations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administration develop and implement a short term mitigation plan to keep rivers and streams free of obstructions and debris, clean and repair catch basins, and other measures for known problem areas; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administration develop medium and long term plans to upgrade drainage and related infrastructure, including the wastewater treatment plant to cope with storm and rain events such as Elsa and Ida.

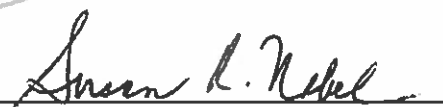
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administration commissions a "Resiliency Study", similar to those commissioned by other waterside towns such as Greenwich, to evaluate the probable effects of the anticipated rise in sea levels over the next 25 years and to develop physical and regulatory responses.

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This resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda at the Regular Meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021.

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