**From:** Jerry Silber <silberjerry@gmail.com> **Sent:** Thursday, December 23, 2021 3:01 PM

**Subject:** Please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

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From: Jessica B. Geiser <jbgeiser@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 4:35 PM

**To:** Jessica B. Geiser

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Dear Members of the Board of Reps:

Stamford is a great city and would be even better if more green and pedestrian, bike and pet friendly!!

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From: Joseph Pigott <joseph.pigott@optimum.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 4:55 PM

To: Lion, Bob; Matherne, Raven

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And thank you for your service!

Happy holidays,

. JP

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## **Joseph Pigott**

15 Quaker Ridge Rd Stamford, CT 06903 (203) 252-9064

From: P C <pac44144@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 9:51 PM

**Subject:** Please please please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

Dear Members of the Board of Reps:

As a Stamford office worker for 10 years and former resident, I respectfully ask that you vote NO on the proposed resolution to rebuild the West Main Street Bridge as a full vehicular bridge. This would be a waste of many millions of taxpayer dollars for unnecessary infrastructure that would make the area less safe and increase air pollution. Traffic studies show that there is no need for vehicular access at this location which is already served by several car bridges. We need to move away from the idea that every street needs to be open to cars at all times. I ask that the city move forward with the currently funded plans to build a pedestrian bridge at the site with access to emergency vehicles only.

Pat

From: Dice O <dice@peoplestamford.org>
Sent: Dice O <dice@peoplestamford.org>
Thursday, December 23, 2021 10:10 PM

**Subject:** Please vote NO on the Main St / Mill River Park Bridge resolution

Dear Members of the Stamford Board of Representatives (and other local officials as an FYI):

I've lived in Stamford for 16 years, and currently live two blocks away from the rapidly-decaying West Main Street Bridge. I understand that many in the community have loudly advocated for many years for a full rebuild of the bridge that can carry vehicular traffic. As someone who both walks and drives in the area, and cares deeply about urban design, environmental sustainability, and city planning, I'd like to express my opinion that the city would not be well-served by attempting to rebuild the bridge for car traffic.

- There is already an abundance of vehicular routes through that area Tresser Blvd (which is too wide already) and Broad St. Asking drivers to take an extra minute to detour around that area is just not that big a deal when we ask people walking and biking throughout the city to take crazy detours just to avoid the risk of getting hit by cars. We are too quick to spend millions just to shave off a few seconds of a motorist's time. The money should be spent on making the streets safer and better for all users, not just those inside cars.
- Stepping back, as a society we need to move away from the default assumption that everyone owns a car and will use it for every single trip. The cars-first transportation model has been a failure for US society, with massive negative costs in the form of air pollution, crash deaths/injuries, carbon emissions, microplastics pollution, and more. The future of urban transportation needs to be oriented much more around promoting walking, biking, transit, and micro-mobility and away from the model of wide carfilled roads and abundant free parking. While it's not realistic to change our transportation system overnight, small steps toward more walkability and micro-mobility should be taken. Keeping this small area pedestrian-only would be one such cost-effective step.
- Attempting to build a full vehicular bridge will cost many millions more (potentially on the order of \$6-12 million) and further delay progress on providing a safe and accessible route for the many hundreds of people who cross there daily on foot. It's not acceptable to ask those people to continue to cross on that dangerous bridge (which could collapse in the next hurricane) for another 5+ years just so that drivers can zoom through there.

I respectfully ask that the city move forward with the currently funded plans to build a pedestrian bridge at the site with access to emergency vehicles only, and that the Board votes NO on the proposed resolution to rebuild the West Main Street Bridge as a full vehicular bridge.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Dice Oh Stamford, CT 203-539-1232

From: Sheila Brown < Sheila Brown Dancer 2010@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, December 24, 2021 11:41 AM

To: Campbell, Bonnie Kim (Board of Reps); jgrunburger@stamfordct.gov

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From: Mimi Cohen <cohmimi@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 1:03 PM

**To:** Rosenson, Valerie

**Subject:** Please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

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From: Fredric Dulaney <freddul@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 1:18 PM

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From: Steve Osman <steve.osman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 2:05 PM

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Steve Osman 203.253.0512

Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Korea

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Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 2:05 PM

**To:** Board of Representatives

**Subject:** Fwd: Please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Fredric Dulaney <freddul@icloud.com> Date: December 26, 2021 at 1:17:58 PM EST

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From: Elaine Rubinson <erubinson@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 2:07 PM

**To:** Caroline Simmons

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From: hday481948@aol.com

Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 2:26 PM

**To:** Rosenson, Valerie

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PS. For 17 years I was a Member of the Board of Reps, serving as Chair of the Land Use Committee and liaison to the Mill River Park Board for most of those years. I strongly believe this should have been approved and built long ago as a pedestrian bridge. Let's finally get it done!!!!

Harry Day

From: rosie <rosiemak1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 3:49 PM

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From: Harley Osman <harleyosman7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 4:15 PM

To: Rosenson, Valerie

**Subject:** Fwd: Please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

So important to keep STAMORD safe and beautiful. I have lived in Stamford all my life and think Stamford is awesome, don't spoil it

Harley Osman

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Harley Osman <a href="mailto:harleyosman7@gmail.com">harleyosman7@gmail.com</a> Date: December 26, 2021 at 1:07:37 PM EST

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Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 5:38 PM

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Marcia Selden Catering Connecticut 65 Research Drive Stamford, CT 06906 203.353.8000 New York 247 West 38th Street 13th Floor New York, NY. 10018 212.921.4100

From: Herzy <herzy69@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 5:53 PM

**To:** Jeffrey Herz

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Sent from an iPhone Please pardon any typos

From: Cynthia Bowser <cynthia.l.bowser30@gmail.com>

Sunday, December 26, 2021 6:09 PM Sent:

Bonnie Kim Campbell; Melinda Baxter aka Pumpkin To:

Cc: Evelyn Avoglia; Althea Watford; Ms. Henley -Kendall; Evelyn Avoglia; Rev. Dr. Robert

A.Jackson, Jr.; John Bowser; Iveth Bowie; Barney, Sheila; Barney, Sheila; Nydia Brown, Ex. Director; Cynthia King; Camille Helen Haynes Taylor; Jorge Ventura; Michael Coleman; Suzzanne Catherine Scott; David Jones Sr; Kathy & Felipe Dossou; Debbie Joyner; Nikki Davis; Edith Roberts; Francis Lane; Rev. Dr. Joseph Ford; Guy Fortt; Joyce Griffin; Erika Garcia; Liz Grant Broome; Glennard Brown; Sue Halpern; Michael Hyman; James & Carrie Harris; hornsmen@aol.com; Rev Dawn Snell; Leroy Jordan; Wanda Roach; Wanda Lymon-Roach; Lucinda Winslow; Miriam Pacheco; Malinda Polite; Nikki Beckham;

Naomi Chapman; Edwin Newton; Rev.Jacki.NSCC@gmail.com; Kathy Kligler; reking15

DISAGREE WITH REQUEST TO KEEP WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE VEHICLE FREE **Subject:** 

Dear Members of the Board of Reps:

I am West Sidev Stamford resident respectfully requesting that you vote "Yes" on the proposed resolutions to allow pededtrian and vehicular traffic on the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge.

West Side residents have not been fully engaged in the Mill River Corridor planning and have experienced great trauma associated with URC and Urban Renewal.of the Downtown including the loss our African American Community Center and home ownerships opportunities.

In.my.opimion the West Main Street Bridge also known as Purple Bridge fell into disrepair and must now be reconstructed to operates as it was created to with pedestrian and automotive traffic.

People who do not live on the West Side should finally allow current West Side residents to articulate our goals for the West Side and City of Stamford.

I disagree with "People Friendly Stamford" that the West Main Street Bridge aka Purple Bridge should be restricted to pedestrians.

Wendy's We,st Main Street frequent drive thru traffic back ups onto West Main Street is just one of many examples of how a traffic study can result in unexpected and unanticipated dangerous traffic conditions. Concisely traffic studies are not always reliable or applicable determinants.

The costs of reconstructio. Is to due to the multiple years of neglect and failure to address the conditions of the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge which demonstrates the need to expeditiously approve the Resolution to Reconstruct the Bridge for use by both pedestrians and vehicles.

Again please approve the resolution to allow pedestrians and vehicle traffic on the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge.

Thank you for considering my request

Happy Everyday including Holidays!

Please forgive and	excuse any errors	including typos,	thank you

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From: jay feinsod <jay@feinsodhardware.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 8:04 PM

To: Esta Feinsod

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Esta Feinsod 51 Carriage Dr So Stamford Cr 06902 203-357-7216

From: jay feinsod <jay@feinsodhardware.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 8:06 PM

**To:** jay feinsod

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Jay Feinsod 51 Carriage Dr So Stamford, Ct 06902

From: Pearce, Alan <ASPearce@bclplaw.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 10:10 PM

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From: Marianne Pollak <mmpollak@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 4:27 AM

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From: JJ Sendelbach (DJC) <sendelbach@doublejayconsulting.com>

Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 7:05 AM

To: JJ Sendelbach

**Subject:** Please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

Dear Members of the Board of Reps:

As a Stamford resident at 1 Broad Street (very near to the West Main Street Bridge), I respectfully ask that you vote NO on the proposed resolution to rebuild the West Main Street Bridge as a full vehicular bridge. This would be a waste of many millions of taxpayer dollars for unnecessary infrastructure that would make the area less safe and increase air pollution. Traffic studies show that there is no need for vehicular access at this location which is already served by several car bridges. We need to move away from the idea that every street needs to be open to cars at all times. I ask that the city move forward with the currently funded plans to build a pedestrian bridge at the site with access to emergency vehicles only.

Respectfully and wishing you all a better 2022 JJ Sendelbach

1 Broad Street, Apt. 16A

Sent from my iPad

From: ronald ahrens <ronahrens@att.net>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 8:35 AM

To: JJ Sendelbach

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Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 6:57 PM

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Lisa Trell

From: Harley Osman <a href="harleyosman7@gmail.com">harleyosman7@gmail.com</a>

Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 1:07 PM

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From: donnamaria29@aol.com

**Sent:** Friday, December 24, 2021 2:45 PM

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Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 5:42 PM

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Sincerely,

Dr. Emmanuel Contreras-Campana

From: John Track <jltrack@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 8:57 PM

Subject: 

→ ○ Please vote no Jan 3. Keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free 🕹 🕹 🏖

Dear Members of the Board of Reps:

Please keep the West Main Street Bridge for people and vote no on the January 3 resolution. There is a fully funded existing option that supports people and a nice Stamford.

Merry Christmas, happy holidays and happy new year, John Track

From: Sheldron Seplowitz <sseplowitz@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 2:24 PM

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Sincerely, Sheldron & Helen Seplowitz 79 Fawnfield Road

From: Ryan Cassella <ryancassella@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 5:05 PM

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Regards, Ryan Cassella

**From:** Phyllis Heller <gphello@optonline.net> **Sent:** Sunday, December 26, 2021 2:22 PM

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Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 5:20 PM

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From: VICTOR MANUEL <coolingcactus53@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 5:55 PM

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From: Elizabeth Middleton <elizabeth.middleton@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 2:45 PM

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Dear Members of the Board of Reps,

I have been a Stamford resident and homeowner for nearly 10 years. My fiance and I live in Belltown and split our transportation between driving one shared car, biking, walking, and committing by train. As regular users of many types of transportation in the city, we are in a unique position to comment on the relative space and resources dedicated to each, and we strongly feel that cars are given disproportionate priority throughout the city.

We therefore respectfully ask that you vote NO on the proposed resolution to rebuild the West Main Street Bridge as a full vehicular bridge. This would be a waste of many millions of taxpayer dollars for unnecessary infrastructure that would make the area less safe and increase air pollution. Traffic studies show that there is no need for vehicular access at this location which is already served by several car bridges. In addition, the area around the park has benefited immensely from the increase in pedestrian traffic to the park, and pedestrian park access is already made challenging by the busy and unsafe roads surrounding it and long wait times to cross.

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Thank you for your consideration and happy holidays!

Best, Elizabeth Middleton and John Sardo 4 Hornez St, Stamford, CT 06905

From: Adele Loomis <adelekrey@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 2:44 PM

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Thank you for your time.

Best, Adele

Sent from my iPhone

From: natalie dagnall lifewize1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 6:31 PM

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Sincerely Natalie Falcon

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tom Flynn <tflynn07@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 3:02 PM

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From: David Mihm <davidcmihm@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 25, 2021 9:36 AM

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From: Marsha Colten <mmarshmalo@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 2:08 PM

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Thank you for your consideration, Marsha Colten 95 Alexandra Drive Stamford

Marsha Colten

Typos courtesy of my iPhone

From: Marshall Kurland <marshallkurland@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 1:01 PM

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Marshall kurland

121 blackberry Dr, Stamford, CT 06903

From: Andrew Falcon <andrewmfalcon@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 9:22 AM

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Andrew Falcon

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From: J. Schreider <jhsch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 9:53 PM
Subject: Please keep the West Main St Bridge car-free

Dear Members of the Board of Representatives:

As a Stamford resident for over 15 years, I respectfully ask that you vote NO on the proposed resolution to rebuild the West Main Street Bridge as a full vehicular bridge.

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Additional throught should be given to similar traffic calming throughout Stamford with changes to traffic flow on both Bedford Street and Forest Streets both of which need additional efforts toward traffic mitigation for resident safety especially duiring evening hours.

Happy Holidays. Stay Healthy and Safe..

Respectfully
Jeffrey Schreider

By not printing this email you've helped save paper, ink, and millions of trees.

From: Lincoln Boehm lincoln@boehmfamily.com> Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 11:09 AM

To: Lincoln and Suzy Boehm

**Subject:** Please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

Dear Members of the Board of Reps:

Spending money to have a bridge that allows vehicular traffic through a park seems all wrong in every way imaginable.

The road is not necessary and would in fact be dangerous at least at the Mill River Street/West Main Street end. If you add a traffic light it slows down travel. If you don't you will have accidents in an area near the kid's playground.

It adds a danger for park users that is totally unnecessary.

The money could be far better used in a myriad of other ways.

Please keep the park traffic-free.

Lincoln Boehm 17 Wallacks Lane Stamford, CT 06902

From: Fabrizio Zichichi <salvatorezichichi@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 12:46 PM

**To:** Rosenson, Valerie; Bewkes, Bradley; Watkins, David; de la Cruz, Virgil; Saftic, Ines;

Coleman, Elise; Adams, Terry; Roqueta, Robert; Cottrell, Megan; Campbell, Bonnie Kim

(Board of Reps); Baxter, Melinda Punkin; Summerville, Annie; Patterson, Denis;

DiCostanzo, Monica; Miller, Lindsey; Figueroa, Anabel; Sherwood, Nina; Pratt, Rodney; Stella, Jeffrey; Jean-Louis, Francise; Moore, Mavina; Gilbride, Cara; Pollack, Maureen; Jacobson, Jonathan; Shaw, Ramya; Morson, Eric; Goldberg, Amiel; Sandford, Daniel; Curtis, Jeff; Boeger, Sean; Tomas, Carmine; Berns, Philip; Pierre-Louis, Fred; Fedeli, Mary Lisa; Pavia, Bobby; Florio, Charles; Grunberger, James; Matheny, Jennifer; Mays, Don;

Nabel, Susan; Ley, Ashley; Simmons, Caroline; info@peoplestamford.org

Cc: CT04JHima@mail.house.gov

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Best regards,

S. Fabrizio Zichichi

From: David Genovese <david.a.genovese@gmail.com>

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Thank you for representing the wishes of Stamford Citizenry.

Regards, David A. Genovese 203.918.3028

From: Swanepoel, Angela <swanepoela@stratk12.org>

Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 1:56 PM

To: swanepoel

**Subject:** TIME to rethink your Stamford lens - Please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

### Dear Members of the Board of Reps:

It is time to think of our cultural community, consider those who have to walk to work or cannot afford a car. We are Stamfordians and part of this global community and your lens needs to shift drastically. Having seen political powers blatant disregard for those who rely on safe means such as bridges to get access to work, food and community, is just selfish thinking and having an "ostrich mentality"

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Yours truly

Dr. Angela Swanepoel

From: Jed Selkowitz <jedselk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 2:42 PM

**To:** Jed Selkowitz

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Supporters of a pedestrian bridge have demonstrated through multiple studies the safety risks associated with a vehicular bridge and the likely cost overruns and longer construction time for a vehicular bridge. Have proponents of a vehicular bridge done the same? Is there one study or any data that indicates there is a problem to solve or that yet another vehicular bridge will create newfound access and/or economic growth?

If members of the board of reps are advocating for the incremental spending for an until now unnecessary vehicular bridge, they should demonstrate the life and economic improvements they purport will follow.

I ask that the city move forward with the currently funded plans to build a pedestrian bridge at the site with access to emergency vehicles only.

Regards,

Jed Selkowitz

**From:** George Family <georges@optonline.net> **Sent:** Monday, December 27, 2021 2:55 PM

**To:** arthur@sunrockholdings.com; David Genovese **Subject:** Please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

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From: Susan Rich <boazson@optonline.net>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 3:19 AM

To: Rich Susan

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From: Max Mailman <mrm336@cornell.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 3:12 PM

To: Max Mailman

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Max R. Mailman

From: Barney, Sheila <s.barney@quadient.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 3:27 PM

**To:** Campbell, Bonnie Kim (Board of Reps); Baxter, Melinda Punkin; Board of

Representatives

Subject: RE: [External Email] PLEASE IMMEDIATELY SEND EMAILS APPROVING RESOLUTION TO

RECONSTRUCT WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE aka PURPLE BRIDGE TO ALLOW BOTH VEHICLES & PEDESTRIANS TO ACCESS BRIDGE to REP. BONNIE KIM CAMPBELL at

BKCampbell@stamfordct.gov and REP. MALI

#### Good Afternoon,

My name is Sheila Barney and I am South End Resident who is in agreement with Cynthia Bowser and the other West Side Residents for approving the reconstruction of the West Main Street Bridge. If this resolution is going to improve the quality of life of the residents that live on the West Side by aiding in the reduction of traffic congestion and also accommodate pedestrian traffic then it should be voted yes to move forward and not be held up by a local organization. The voices of the people that live in these communities who request sensible development in order to prevent adverse effect on future and current residents should take precedent over the ones that don't live in the communities. We hope the Board of Representatives will listen to the community residents and vote yes for the reconstruction of the West Main Street Bridge.

#### Thank you

#### Sheila Barney

From: Cynthia Bowser < cynthia.l.bowser30@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 2:58 PM

To: Evelyn Avoglia <evavoglia@hotmail.com>; Althea Watford <awatford95@gmail.com>; Ms. Henley -Kendall <audrey11scorpio@yahoo.com>; Nikki Davis <ms.nicole.a.davis@gmail.com>; Rev. Dr. Robert A.Jackson, Jr. <jacksonfamily3@hotmail.com>; annaallen2000@yahoo.com; Atiba DeCruise <adecruise@stamfordct.gov>; Althea Watford <awatfordc@aol.com>; Alice Mally <ajmally@aol.com>; Arnold Burton <alb251@gmail.com>; Alma Brown <dardrebol@gmail.com>; Erik Alvarez <erikalvarez@me.com>; amor vee <amor007@sbcglobal.net>; Iveth Bowie <ib5210@gmail.com>; Barney, Sheila <sheilabarney@optonline.net>; Barney, Sheila <s.barney@quadient.com>; Nydia Brown, Ex. Director <nbrown6733@aol.com>; Evelyn Avoglia <evavoglia@gmail.com>; Juan Acevedo <juan21954@yahoo.com>; Phylicia Adams <adams.phylicia@gmail.com>; Angela Edwards <aedwards@wee-act.org>; Marilyn Andrews <mandrews@domuskids.org>; Angela Cusicanqui <angela@allourkin.org>; Matthews-Armstead,Eunice (Sociology) <matthewsE@easternct.edu>; Matthews-Armstead@aol.com; Nikki Beckham <nbeckham712@icloud.com>; Theodros Belay <theodros.belay06@gmail.com>; Bishop Samuel L. Smith <amccoolic@aol.com>; Sarah Boyd <sarah.boyd09@yahoo.com>; Bobbie@gravesmedley.com; Monicka Burl <monickadg@yahoo.com>; Camille Helen Haynes Taylor <camille5271@yahoo.com>; Cynthia King <cking10@snet.net>; Cynthia King <772260ck@gmail.com>; Naomi Chapman <sheba1992@aol.com>; Michael Coleman <mkcole06471@gmail.com>; Suzzanne Catherine Scott <suzanne.catherine.scott@gmail.com>; Jorge Ventura <coqui\_5@hotmail.com>; Karen Camporeale <karen@urbanapparel.com>; James & Carrie Harris <carrieharris9@gmail.com>; Holly Critchley, Student, UConn Law Holly Critchley Student <CCLC@uconn.edu>; Cecelia <cdarosa1019@gmail.com>; Cynthia Dixon Petersl <cpeters@wesleyan.edu>; Curtis Miller <curtismiller1950@gmail.com>; claudia.cupe@gmail.com; UConn <jr\_alberto.cifuentes@uconn.edu>; Flor Guerva <cielo9920@hotmail.com>; curtissmiller1950@gmail.com; Joyce Griffin <joycegriffin616@aol.com>; David Jones Sr <djonessr.djs@gmail.com>; Ms. Sheelia L. Paige <Preciousp1220@optonline.net>; Kathy & Felipe Dossou <kdossou49@gmail.com>; Rev. Dr. Joseph Ford <jford@faithtabct.org>; Debbie Joyner <debbiejoyner55@gmail.com>; D.D. D.D <destinationzall41@gmail.com>; John Delelle <jdelelle315@gmail.com>; Dianne Walker <dew623@yahoo.com>; Natalie Queen <nqueen@familycenters.org>;

Donn Reid <dreid@domuskids.org>; Dollie & Lynwood Hutchinson <lynwoodhutchinson@gmail.com>; downerfuneralhome@yahoo.com; Donna H <dghustad@gmail.com>; Edith Roberts <shortcaker995@gmail.com>; Kelcy Steele <kelcy@shworks.org>; Sue Halpern <sunnysue1122@optimum.net>; Erika Garcia <erikagarcia727@gmail.com>; Emma Goings <emmagoings62@gmail.com>; Edwin Newton <edwinnewton62@gmail.com>; reking15 <reking15@aol.com>; John Bowser <john.c.bowser@gmail.com>; Francis Lane <flld6cos@gmail.com>; Guy Fortt <gfortt8284@gmail.com>; Guy Fortt <gfortt8284@aol.com>; Dr. Joseph G. Ford <joseph.ford@icloud.com>; Anisa Fortt <forttanisa@gmail.com>; Liz Grant Broome <emgm54@yahoo.com>; Pastor Jackie Gilchrist <RevJacki.NSCC@gmail.com>; Garst, Steve <sgarst@promo-consultants.com>; Goings, Emma <egoings@stamfordct.gov>; Kenny Gainer <kenneth.gainer@yahoo.com>; Gerardo Maguina <br/><beto283008@hotmail.com>; Suky Geffrard <suky 06902@yahoo.com>; Gerardo Maguina <beto382008@hotmail.com>; Glennard Brown <Glennard.Brown@liberationprograms.org>; Cynthia Bowser <GoodallSpecialties30@gmail.com>; gsmartwoman@aol.com; Michael Hyman <mhyman@domuskids.org>; hornsmen@aol.com; Sonya Huber <indigomission@gmail.com>; Iveth Bowie <ibowie@icloud.com>; Leroy Jordan dan@pacifichouse.org>; Jeff Stella <jstella@stamfordct.gov>; Joanne Bray <jmbray@aol.com>; Wanda Roach <loroach@yahoo.com>; Wanda Lymon-Roach <wandalymonroach@yahoo.com>; jford@faithtabct.otg; Kathy Kligler <klig@optonline.net>; Lucinda Winslow <lucindawinslow@optonline.net>; Laura Murphy <lmurphyl@me.com>; Tom Langan <tlangan@domuskids.org>; Michael Pellicci <mike.pell@me.com>; Miriam Pacheco <miriamp4554@gmail.com>; Winfred Mitchell <wmitch7910@gmail.com>; Negwaunia Perry <negwaunia@yahoo.com>; Sonya D. Van Norden <sonya.vannorden@caawc.org>; Leesa Oughton <leesaoughton@gmail.com>; Malinda Polite <mep5422@msn.com>; Phyllis Phillips <phylphil2000@yahoo.com>; Maggie Young <Maggie.Young@liberationprograms.org> Cc: bkcampbell@stamfordct.gov; mbaxter@stamfordct.gov

**Subject:** [External Email] PLEASE IMMEDIATELY SEND EMAILS APPROVING RESOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCT WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE aka PURPLE BRIDGE TO ALLOW BOTH VEHICLES & PEDESTRIANS TO ACCESS BRIDGE to REP. BONNIE KIM CAMPBELL at BKCampbell@stamfordct.gov and REP. MALIN...

I writing and requesting that youi immefiately send an email to Rep. Bonnie Kim Campbell and Rep. Melinda 'Pumpkin' Baxter requesting they Vote Yes on Monday, January 3, 2022 to reconstruct the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge to allow both vehicles and pedestrians traffic.

I disagree with People Friendly Stamford efforts to force their aspirations and goals that adversely effect and affect the the "Quality of Life" of current and future West Side residents.

Again I am seeking your assistance to demonstrate that West Side residents have ideas, opinions and requirements to address the Quality of Life for current and new West Side Residents.

110 additional apartments are currently under construction on West Main Street so the necessity for the West Maun Street aka "'Purple" Bridge to allow both vehicles and pedestrians is unquestionable and necessary.

Members of an"People Friendly Stamford" a local organization are sending emails to Stamford Board of Representatives requesting Representatives vote against allowing the West Msin Street aka Purple Bridge to accommodate both vehicles and pedestrians.

People Friendly Stamford do not want "vehicles" to be able access the West.Main Street aka Purple Bridge only pedestrian traffic. My concern is how many members of the organization "People Friendly Stamford" actually reside on the West Side.

West Side residents most make our voices heard so please send an email to our Representatives Bonnie Kim Campbell and Melinda "Pumokin" Baxter demonstrating that we want the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge to be reconstructed to accommodate both people walking and vehicles crossing the Bridge as it was originally constructed to do.

Remember an additional.110 apartments are currently under construction on West Main Street validating the requirements for both people and vehicles to access the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge.

I am.grateful to Rep David Michel for semding me the email.

After reading Rep. David Michel's email I immefiately sent emails to Relp. Campbell & Rep. Mallinda "Pumpkin" Baxter requesting they vote yes on the Resolution to reconstruct the West.Main Street aka Purple Bridge to accommodate both people and vehicles crossing the bridge as it was originally constructed to do.

Just send an email - Example:

I am a Stamfird resident and live on the West Side (please name where ever you live) and want the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge to be reconstructed to allow both vehicles and pedestrians to cross the bridge as it was originally constructed to do. Please vote yes on January 3, 2022.

Please encourage household members 18 years of age an older, family members, relatives and and friends who reside in Stamford to send emails to their Elected Board of Representatives to vote Yes on January 3, 2022 supporting the Resolution to reconstruct the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge to accommodate both vehicles and pedestrians.

Please forgive and excuse any errors including typos, thank you!

Happy Each & Everyday including Holidays!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 203 3214-7466 or email me. Please immediately send an email.in support of pedestrians and vehicles accessing the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge.

Thank.you!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Rep. Michel, David < David.Michel@cga.ct.gov>

Date: Mon, Dec 27, 2021, 9:50 AM

Subject: Fwd: DISAGREE WITH REQUEST TO KEEP WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE VEHICLE FREE

To: Rep. Michel, David < David. Michel @cga.ct.gov>

FYI this has been held for almost two decades for the simple fact it is redlining.

Also it is a huge disadvantage to emergency vehicles not to be able to use that bridge as it takes one right to the emergencies at stamford health.

It is important to hear the voices of those impacted...people friendly neighborhood is a "cartel politics" tool and is clearly not listening to the people, and is not friendly at all to neighbors. They did the same with the eminent domain on the Lesperance family for a bike lane that went between an major traffic artery and a vridge w no bike lane. These are clearly political actions, and clearly deaf to the community and people s voices and interests.

It is not the only one...but their email and words to present their petition are I believe insulting to many. If anyone wants to see it, i am happy to forward it.

# Kind regards

David.

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Date: Dec 27, 2021 9:36 AM

Subject: Fwd: DISAGREE WITH REQUEST TO KEEP WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE VEHICLE FREE

To: David Watkins < DWatkins 1@stamfordct.gov>,bbewkes@stamfordct.gov

Cc:

Dear Shippan representatives,

I hope this email finds you both and your close ones, well.

In regards to the West Main Street Bridge, I would like to ask for your support in re-instating the bridge to its original use.

For way over a decade, this bridge was let down, as the people of the West Side.

I used to be a certified volunteer fireman in Mamaroneck NY, and I can say that this bridge being re instated would add to the public safety of downtown. Those to the east of the bridge, from 26 Main St to the dorms and to businesses in columbus parks and all the way to Lafayette St should have a shorter time to get to the emergencies if they are in an emergency vehicle.

Also this email and petition from people friendly neighborhoods is filled with biased information (vs neutral and factual) and seems to he extremely political versus what you expect of a community group. It seems more of a tool for certain political factions with specific interests.

They seem to ignore the fact that the divide on this bridge has been political. It is clear that people from the West side want it re instated for full use. I have talked to people on both sides of the bridge and i do strongly believe that there is an overall support for this.

Another important thing is that i would hope the full BOR would listen to the reps whose districts are directly impacted as I would hope for reps from other districts to help and support items that would help Shippan.

Please support funding for the bridge to be fully repaired and re instated as a vehicular and pedestrian bridge. Let s end the political divide on this issue, and let s listen to, and respect the communities directly impacted by this!

Kind regards,

Stare Rep. David Michel 1-914-843-7545

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From: Cynthia Bowser < cynthia.l.bowser30@gmail.com>

Date: Dec 26, 2021 6:08 PM

Subject: DISAGREE WITH REQUEST TO KEEP WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE VEHICLE FREE

To: Bonnie Kim Campbell <a href="mailto:berwonderfulness@gmail.com">herwonderfulness@gmail.com</a>, Melinda Baxter aka Pumpkin

<melindab0925@gmail.com>

Cc: Evelyn Avoglia <evavoglia@hotmail.com>,Althea Watford <awatford95@gmail.com>,"Ms. Henley -Kendall" <audrey11scorpio@yahoo.com>,Evelyn Avoglia <evavoglia@gmail.com>,"Rev. Dr. Robert

A.Jackson, Jr." < <u>jacksonfamily3@hotmail.com</u>>,John Bowser < <u>john.c.bowser@gmail.com</u>>,Iveth Bowie

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Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 4:44 PM

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We hope that you too will recognize that a pedestrian bridge adds charm to the area and is a great asset to the City.

Jean B. May 122 Palmer's Hill Rd. Stamford, CT 06902

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Respectfully Submitted,

## **Seth Lapine**

Executive Vice President of Brand Strategy

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**From:** Guy Fortt <gfortt8284@gmail.com> **Sent:** Monday, December 27, 2021 6:18 PM

To: Barney, Sheila

Campbell, Bonnie Kim (Board of Reps); Baxter, Melinda Punkin; Board of

Representatives; Evelyn Avoglia; Cynthia Bowser; Dr. Joseph G. Ford; Guy Fortt; Erik Alvarez; Edith Roberts; Althea Watford; reking15; Michael Coleman; Emma Goings; Matthews-Armstead@aol.com; Sonya Huber; Goings, Emma; barney; Garst, Steve; Liz Grant Broome; Anisa Fortt; Pastor Jackie Gilchrist; Edwin Newton; Francis Lane; Gerardo

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jford@faithtabct.otg; Dianne Walker; gsmartwoman@aol.com; Cynthia Bowser; Wanda Roach; Glennard Brown; Wanda Lymon-Roach; Lucinda Winslow; Leroy Jordan; Maggie Young; Phyllis Phillips; Sonya D. Van Norden; Miriam Pacheco; Gerardo Maguina; Tom Langan; Laura Murphy; Winfred Mitchell; Suky Geffrard; Michael Pellicci; John Bowser;

Neqwaunia Perry; Leesa Oughton; Malinda Polite

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BKCampbell@stamfordct.gov and REP. MALI

#### Good Evening,

Too long, the restriction of the community has been hampered by not allowing an entry and exit point to the City to be opened. The federally funded infrastructure plan for each municipality allows for change to happen and happen in a significant way.

The opening of the Purple Bridge is monumental for both sides of the track. It allows the integration of communities, job opportunities, and a breezeway to merge the gap of the City of Stamford. We, the Stamford NAACP, urge the great City of Stamford to open the flood gates to a promising future for all citizens.

Guy A. Fortt, President Stamford NAACP

(C) 203-223-0549

(E) gfortt8284@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone dictated but not read. Please excuse any grammatical errors.

On Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 3:26 PM Barney, Sheila <s.barney@quadient.com> wrote:

#### Good Afternoon,

My name is Sheila Barney and I am South End Resident who is in agreement with Cynthia Bowser and the other West Side Residents for approving the reconstruction of the West Main Street Bridge. If this resolution is going to improve the quality of life of the residents that live on the West Side by aiding in the reduction of traffic congestion and also accommodate pedestrian traffic then it should be voted yes to move forward and not be held up by a local organization. The voices of the people that live in these communities who request sensible development in order to prevent adverse effect on future and current residents should take precedent over the ones that don't live in the

communities. We hope the Board of Representatives will listen to the community residents and vote yes for the reconstruction of the West Main Street Bridge.

Thank you

Sheila Barney

From: Cynthia Bowser <cynthia.l.bowser30@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 2:58 PM

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Again I am seeking your assistance to demonstrate that West Side residents have ideas, opinions and requirements to address the Quality of Life for current and new West Side Residents.

110 additional apartments are currently under construction on West Main Street so the necessity for the West Maun Street aka "'Purple" Bridge to allow both vehicles and pedestrians is unquestionable and necessary.

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People Friendly Stamford do not want "vehicles" to be able access the West.Main Street aka Purple Bridge only pedestrian traffic. My concern is how many members of the organization "People Friendly Stamford" actually reside on the West Side.

West Side residents most make our voices heard so please send an email to our Representatives Bonnie Kim Campbell and Melinda "Pumokin" Baxter demonstrating that we want the West Main Street aka

Purple Bridge to be reconstructed to accommodate both people walking and vehicles crossing the Bridge as it was originally constructed to do.
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I am.grateful to Rep David Michel for semding me the email .
After reading Rep. David Michel's email I immefiately sent emails to Relp. Campbell & Rep. Mallinda "Pumpkin" Baxter requesting they vote yes on the Resolution to reconstruct the West.Main Street aka Purple Bridge to accommodate both people and vehicles crossing the bridge as it was originally constructed to do.
Just send an email - Example:
I am a Stamfird resident and live on the West Side (please name where ever you live) and want the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge to be reconstructed to allow both vehicles and pedestrians to cross the bridge as it was originally constructed to do. Please vote yes on January 3, 2022.
Please encourage household members 18 yesrs of age an older, family members, relatives and and friends who reside in Stamford to send emails to their Elected Board of Representatives to vote Yes on January 3, 2022 supporting the Resolution to reconstruct the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge to accommodate both vehicles and pedestrians.
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Happy Each & Everyday including Holidays!
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 203 3214-7466 or email me. Please immediately send an <a href="mail.in">email.in</a> support of pedestrians and vehicles accessing the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge.

Thank.you!
Forwarded message From: <b>Rep. Michel, David</b> < <u>David.Michel@cga.ct.gov</u> >
Date: Mon, Dec 27, 2021, 9:50 AM
Subject: Fwd: DISAGREE WITH REQUEST TO KEEP WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE VEHICLE FREE To: Rep. Michel, David < <u>David.Michel@cga.ct.gov</u> >
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domain on the Lesperance family for a bike lane that went between an major traffic artery and a vridge w no bike lane. These are clearly political actions, and clearly deaf to the community and people s voices and
interests.
It is not the only onebut their email and words to present their petition are I believe insulting to many. If
anyone wants to see it, i am happy to forward it.
Kind regards
David.
Forwarded massage
Forwarded message From: "Rep. Michel, David" < <u>David.Michel@cga.ct.gov</u> >
Date: Dec 27, 2021 9:36 AM

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Dear Shippan representatives,
I hope this email finds you both and your close ones, well.
In regards to the West Main Street Bridge, I would like to ask for your support in re-instating the bridge to its original use.
For way over a decade, this bridge was let down, as the people of the West Side.
I used to be a certified volunteer fireman in Mamaroneck NY, and I can say that this bridge being re instated would add to the public safety of downtown. Those to the east of the bridge, from 26 Main St to the dorms and to businesses in columbus parks and all the way to Lafayette St should have a shorter time to get to the emergencies if they are in an emergency vehicle.
Also this email and petition from people friendly neighborhoods is filled with biased information (vs neutral and factual) and seems to he extremely political versus what you expect of a community group. It seems more of a tool for certain political factions with specific interests.
They seem to ignore the fact that the divide on this bridge has been political. It is clear that people from the West side want it re instated for full use. I have talked to people on both sides of the bridge and i do strongly believe that there is an overall support for this.
Another important thing is that i would hope the full BOR would listen to the reps whose districts are directly impacted as I would hope for reps from other districts to help and support items that would help Shippan.
Please support funding for the bridge to be fully repaired and re instated as a vehicular and pedestrian bridge. Let s end the political divide on this issue, and let s listen to, and respect the communities directly impacted by this!

Kind regards, Stare Rep. David Michel 1-914-843-7545 ----- Forwarded message -----From: Cynthia Bowser < cynthia.l.bowser30@gmail.com> Date: Dec 26, 2021 6:08 PM Subject: DISAGREE WITH REQUEST TO KEEP WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE VEHICLE FREE To: Bonnie Kim Campbell <a href="mailto:left-wonderfulness@gmail.com">left-wonderfulness@gmail.com</a>>, Melinda Baxter aka Pumpkin <melindab0925@gmail.com> Cc: Evelyn Avoglia <evavoglia@hotmail.com>,Althea Watford <a watford95@gmail.com>,"Ms. Henley -Kendall" <audrey11scorpio@yahoo.com>,Evelyn Avoglia <evavoglia@gmail.com>,"Rev. Dr. Robert A.Jackson, Jr." < jacksonfamily3@hotmail.com>,John Bowser < john.c.bowser@gmail.com>,Iveth Bowie <ib5210@gmail.com>,"Barney, Sheila" <sheilabarney@optonline.net>,"Barney, Sheila" <s.barney@quadient.com>,"Nydia Brown, Ex. Director" <nbrown6733@aol.com>,Cynthia King <cking10@snet.net>,Camille Helen Haynes Taylor <camille5271@yahoo.com>,Jorge Ventura <coqui 5@hotmail.com>,Michael Coleman <mkcole06471@gmail.com>,Suzzanne Catherine Scott <suzanne.catherine.scott@gmail.com>,David Jones Sr <djonessr.djs@gmail.com>,Kathy & Felipe Dossou <kdossou49@gmail.com>.Debbie Joyner <debbiejoyner55@gmail.com>.Nikki Davis <ms.nicole.a.davis@gmail.com>,Edith Roberts <shortcaker995@gmail.com>,Francis Lane <flld6cos@gmail.com>,"Rev. Dr. Joseph Ford" <iford@faithtabct.org>,Guy Fortt <gfortt8284@gmail.com>,Joyce Griffin <joycegriffin616@aol.com>,Erika Garcia <erikagarcia727@gmail.com>,Liz Grant Broome <emgm54@yahoo.com>,Glennard Brown <Glennard.Brown@liberationprograms.org>,Sue Halpern <sunnysue1122@optimum.net>,Michael Hyman <mhyman@domuskids.org>,James & Carrie Harris <carrieharris9@gmail.com>,hornsmen@aol.com,Rev Dawn Snell < Igtthvctrydawn@aol.com>,Leroy Jordan < ljordan@pacifichouse.org>,Wanda Roach <loroach@yahoo.com>, Wanda Lymon-Roach <wandalymonroach@yahoo.com>, Lucinda Winslow <lucindawinslow@optonline.net>,Miriam Pacheco <miriamp4554@gmail.com>,Malinda Polite <mep5422@msn.com>,Nikki Beckham <nbeckham712@icloud.com>,Naomi Chapman

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From: Lorraine Kweskin < lkweskin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 7:44 PM

**To:** Simmons, Caroline

**Subject:** Please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

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Lorraine Kweskin 7 Lumanor Drive Stamford, CT 06903

From: David Scherban <dscherbs44@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 8:12 PM

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Melinda Baxter < melindab0925@gmail.com > From: Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 12:25 AM

Rosenson, Valerie To: Fwd: Purple Bridge **Subject:** 

Hi Valerie,

Please see below email, can you please forward to all BOP members.

#### Thanks

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **K G** <kenneth.gainer@yahoo.com> Date: Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 3:56 PM

Subject: Purple Bridge

To: melindab0925@gmail.com <melindab0925@gmail.com>

I am a Stamford resident and live on the West Side my name is Kenneth Gainer of 23 Rose Park Ave. and want the West Main Street aka Purple Bridge to be reconstructed to allow both vehicles and pedestrians to cross the bridge as it was originally constructed to do. Please vote yes on January 3, 2022. Thank you Inadvance ?

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Melinda Baxter <melindab0925@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 12:25 AM

**To:** Rosenson, Valerie

**Subject:** Fwd: West Main St. Bridge

Another email to forward to all BOP members.

Thanks

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From: Evelyn Avoglia < evavoglia@hotmail.com >

Date: Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 4:14 PM Subject: Re: West Main St. Bridge

To: melindab0925@gmail.com <melindab0925@gmail.com>

Dear Representative Baxter,

I support the approval of the reconstruction of the West Main Street Bridge.

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Yours truly, Evelyn Avoglia, Ph.D. 06905

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rosenson, Valerie

Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 8:05 AM

To: Melinda Baxter

**Subject:** Re: West Main St. Bridge

Thanks. I'm going to put all of the emails in a batch and send them out together.

## Get Outlook for iOS

From: Melinda Baxter <melindab0925@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 12:25:17 AM
To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@stamfordct.gov>

Subject: Fwd: West Main St. Bridge

Another email to forward to all BOP members.

#### Thanks

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Evelyn Avoglia < evavoglia@hotmail.com>

Date: Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 4:14 PM Subject: Re: West Main St. Bridge

To: melindab0925@gmail.com < melindab0925@gmail.com >

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Marion Glickson <marionglickson@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 8:31 AM

**To:** Marion Glickson

**Subject:** Please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

# Dear Members of the Board of Reps:

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Sincerely, Marion

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Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 8:52 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Y Ahoo <yea522@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 5:01 PM

To: Yanira Aquino

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From: Carlo Genovese <cfgenovese14@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 3:57 PM

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**To:** Fern Galperin

**Subject:** West Main Street Bridge

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Furthermore, from what I understand, there are plans to beautify the city lot on one side of the bridge with a farmers market, while on the west side, the longer-range plan is for the bridge to serve as a nexus for a trail system going from downtown up into the west side. None of this would be facilitated if we end up with a highway bridge. Finally, the pedestrian bridge will be constructed to permit emergency vehicles to pass over it, should the need arise.

I know this bridge has been debated for a number of years, but pedestrian and bike-friendly pathways throughout Stamford make more sense than ever for our growing population. I respectfully request Mayor Simmons and the Board of Reps keep the West Main Street Bridge car free.

Thank you,

Fern Galperin <u>fern.galperin@gmail.com</u> 203-406-0866

From: Mary Cygan <gitana22@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 5:47 PM
To: Jean-Louis, Francise; Berns, Philip

**Subject:** Please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

To: Fred Pierre-Louis and Phil Bernes and Members of the Board of Reps

Though I live in the 16<sup>th</sup> District, I've been very familiar with the stretch of Main Street between Washington Blvd. and West Main since I moved to Stamford in 1990. I was a member of the YMCA for almost a decade, shopped for sewing supplies at Adele's Hats, thrifted at the old Salvation Army and stocked up on pierogi and dark rye bread at Warsaw Deli. In the past five years I've become a regular customer at Teff Restaurant on West Main Street. Over the years I've observed a dramatic change for the better with Mill River Park. It has proved to be a popular public space for a diverse cross section of Stamford residents and a place to walk, lunch and breathe-in nature for people working downtown. It and Cove Island Park are the first two places I take visitors to Stamford.

All of us who visit and value this outstanding public green space have a legitimate interest in protecting and maintaining its special qualities. Anyone, especially parents with children in tow, should be able to walk between Mill River Playground and Mill River Park without crossing vehicular traffic. **Traffic has changed since the bridge was originally designed**. SUVs are bigger and heavier than the average vehicle during the first century of the bridge's operation (1888-1988). Drivers are sitting higher and don't always have a clear view of pedestrians (or strollers). About six years ago I personally witnessed a pedestrian hit by an SUV at Washington and Broad which is an expansive and brightly lit intersection. The driver -- who wasn't speeding and had the light -- was distraught and kept saying that he didn't see the pedestrian stepping off the curb and I believed him. This danger is all the more a concern in a tighter space like the footprint of the bridge.

Lastly, I believe that trying to revive a vehicular bridge that made sense in the past doesn't make sense now. It's not just that Broad Street and Tresser Blvd. are available alternate routes. They are now the only arteries flanking a truncated segment of Main Street that is no longer a through street.

When the bridge was built, Main Street was a thoroughfare connecting East Main and West Main to span the entire city end to end. The mall interrupted that connection to the east. Now only a half mile of Main Street still runs from Atlantic Street to the bridge. Most of it runs through a vibrant restaurant district with narrower and slower streets than either Broad or Tresser.

Likewise, there is no direct route linking the bridge straight west. Traffic would either follow West Main through Tresser Blvd (after all) or snake north of the bridge via Smith Street.

In any case, safely routing vehicular traffic to connect with the bridge would require reconfiguring and/or upgrading a larger area than the bridge itself adding to the already considerably higher cost for a bridge structurally reinforced to carry modern vehicles 24/7.

I urge the BOR to approve a pedestrian bridge to replace the deteriorating jumble of bollards and make-shift ramp currently at the site of the old West Main bridge. It is a cost-effective and sensible solution.

Respectfully,

Mary Cygan, 06905

From: Robyn Whittingham <rmwhitt44@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 5:54 PM

**Subject:** Please keep the West Main Street Bridge car-free!

Dear Members of the Board of Reps:

As a Stamford resident, I implore you to vote NO on the proposed resolution to rebuild the West Main Street Bridge and open it up (once again) to car traffic. This is NOT a sensible idea, nor is it a fiscally responsible idea.

WHY would our city want to spend millions on this unnecessary infrastructure when we all like the traffic-free access abutting Mill River Park? There is no compelling reason to go back to 'the way it was' more than a decade ago.

Traffic studies show that this bridge is not at all vital to traffic flow in Stamford, and after so many years of closure to traffic, we residents are accustomed to this location as a pedestrian-only walkway. NOT EVERY STREET needs to be open to cars at all times!

Please don't use my tax money to create more traffic around this area of the city. There are so few traffic-free crossings in Stamford, so PLEASE move forward to build a pedestrian bridge at the site (with access to emergency vehicles only).

Regards, Robyn Whittingham Adam Whittingham Catalina Whittingham