

**HONORARY RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF
THE “STAMFORD VACCINE EQUITY PARTNERSHIP,” AN
EFFORT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD, FAMILY
CENTERS, COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC. AND
STAMFORD HEALTH, IN RAISING VACCINATION RATES IN
STAMFORD’S MOST DISADVANTAGED NEIGHBORHOODS**

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic has caused many deaths, debilitating illness, and economic hardship throughout the globe; and

WHEREAS, in Fairfield County alone, there have been more than 2,200 Covid-19 related deaths since the beginning of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines help build immunity to Covid-19 and work to prevent severe illness; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Stamford’s most disadvantaged neighborhoods are much less likely to be vaccinated; and.

WHEREAS, through grants funded by the State of Connecticut and the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation, the Stamford Vaccine Equity Partnership was able to deploy resources to increase the vaccination rates in Stamford’s most vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Family Centers, a door-to-door campaign was launched to spread word about the vaccines to dispel misinformation, to let people know where they are available, to let them know that the vaccines are free, and to encourage small local businesses including nightclubs and barbershops to participate in programs that increase vaccine acceptance; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the City of Stamford, Community Health Center, Inc. Stamford Health and Griffin Health Inc., vaccine tents were located in over 20 City parks and socially vulnerable census areas; and

WHEREAS, the Stamford Vaccine Equity Partnership publicized the location of the vaccine clinics and information on the safety and efficacy of vaccines through social media, in person canvassing, live broadcast information sessions and through trusted community partners; and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of the campaign, the initiated vaccination rate of the most disadvantaged parts of Stamford was as low as 56 percent; at the conclusion of the campaign, at least 79 percent of individuals in socially vulnerable areas had initiated vaccination.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 30th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, congratulates the contributors of the “Stamford Vaccine Equity Partnership” including the City of Stamford, Family Centers, Stamford Health, and the Community Health Center, as well as Griffin Health Inc. for their efforts in raising vaccination rates in Stamford’s most disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives
This 4th day of October, 2021

Matthew Quinones, President
30th Board of Representatives

Susan Nabel, Clerk
30th Board of Representatives