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Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 59 of An Act Concerning Nominating Procedures, No. 36 of the Public Acts of November 1955, as amended, the rules for the government of the Democratic Party of the City of Stamford, Connecticut are amended, effective immediately upon their filing with the Secretary of the State and the Town and City Clerk, to read as follows:

ARTICLE I—DEMOCRATIC CITY COMMITTEE

- Section 1.** The policies, principles and management of the Democratic Party of the City of Stamford shall be formed, directed and executed by the Democratic City Committee of Stamford hereinafter referred to as the Committee.
- Section 2.** The Committee shall consist of two (2) members from each voting district who shall have been registered Democratic electors for at least one (1) year immediately preceding election, have lived in Stamford for at least one (1) year immediately preceding election and shall live in the district from which they are elected. The members of the Committee shall be elected from their respective voting districts. In the vote in a primary for the elections of Committee members from a voting district, only persons on the last completed enrollment list of the Democratic Party in such voting district shall be eligible to vote.
- Section 3.** In order to serve on the Committee, a person must collect the required number of petition signatures, except as set forth in Section 6.d. Within the time specified in the Public Act, any person whose name appears on the last completed enrollment list of the Democratic Party of the voting district from which a Committee member is to be elected, may seek election as a member of the Committee by filing with the Registrar a petition signed by five percent (5%) of the electors whose names appear on the last complete enrollment list of such voting district from which a person is to be nominated, and also by depositing with the Clerk of the City, the filing fee as prescribed by the General Statutes or party rules as the case may be. Where more than two (2) eligible persons from a voting district have submitted the required number of petition signatures, the Committee shall fix the first Tuesday in March of each even numbered year for the holding of a primary for the election of Committee members, and shall publish the same in a newspaper having general circulation in the town at least fifty-six (56) days before such primary is to be held. In the vote in a primary for the election of Committee members from a voting district, only persons on the last completed enrollment list of the Democratic Party in such voting district shall be eligible to vote within the political sub-division of the City within which a person is to be nominated.
- Section 4.** Members of the Committee chosen pursuant to Section 3 (whether or not a primary election is held) above shall hold office from the day following their election until the day following the primary held in the next succeeding even-numbered year as

provided in said Section 3. Where not more than two (2) eligible persons from a voting district have submitted the required number of petition signatures and it is therefore not necessary to hold a primary election in a voting district, such candidate(s) shall be deemed elected on the date the primary would have been held.

Section 5. The Committee in office on the effective date of this rule shall continue to serve until a new Committee is chosen in accordance with the applicable law and these rules.

Section 6. OPEN POSITIONS AT THE START OF THE TERM

- a. Any open position on the Committee at the start of the term arising from the failure to obtain the requisite signatures may only be filled thereafter by a candidate meeting the requirements of membership set forth in Article I, Section 2, who has obtained the requisite signatures, providing those signatures have been certified by the Democratic Registrar of Voters or verified on behalf of the Committee.
- b. If there are more eligible candidates submitting the required signatures than there are current open positions, the contested open positions(s) shall be filled at the next regular meeting by a majority vote of those present who were members at the start of the organizational meeting.
- c. If there are two (2) open positions on the Committee in the same voting district and multiple eligible candidates for those open positions (i.e., more candidates than open positions), then there shall be a vote to fill each seat individually in accordance with Article I, Section 6.b.
- d. If, after three (3) months from the organizational meeting the open position is not filled, nominations to fill the position shall be open from the floor at the next meeting. The vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members present. If there are multiple nominations from the floor, the seat shall be filled by a majority vote of those present.

Section 7. VACANCIES DURING THE TERM

- a. If a vacancy occurs in the Committee during the term, nominations to fill the vacancy shall be made at the next regular meeting. The vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members present. A nomination for the position shall be offered by the remaining Committee member representing the district. If, within three (3) months from the date of the vacancy, no nominee receives a majority vote of those present or no nomination is offered from the remaining member of the district, nominations shall be open from the floor.

If there are multiple nominations from the floor, the seat shall be filled by a majority vote of those present.

- b. If there are two (2) vacancies on the Committee in the same voting district and multiple eligible candidates for those vacancies, each seat shall be filled individually by a majority vote of those present.

Section 8. EXPULSION--The Committee, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership, at a meeting called for that purpose, may expel a member for good cause. Good cause shall include but shall not be limited to failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without a satisfactory excuse; failure to perform duties assigned by vote of the Committee; or failure, upon proper proof, to support the policies and regularly nominated candidates of the Democratic Party. Activities on behalf of any Democratic candidate for party nomination shall not be considered good cause for expulsion of a Committee member. Any member to be expelled shall be entitled to a hearing before the Committee.

Section 9. ALTERNATES—Up to twenty (20) Alternates, one (1) from each Committee district, may be elected at the first meeting following the organizational meeting and at any subsequent meeting. Alternates must have been registered Democrats for at least one (1) year, have lived in the City of Stamford for at least one (1) year and live in the district from which they are elected. The term of each alternate shall end concurrently with the terms of the Committee members.

- a. Candidates from each district for the position of Alternate shall be nominated by the members from that district at the first meeting after the organizational meeting or at any meeting thereafter. If, after three (3) months from the organizational meeting, no Alternate has been nominated from a district, then nominations to fill such Alternate position shall be open from the floor at the next meeting. Election as an Alternate shall require the majority vote of the members present.
- b. In the event that the Committee members from a district do not agree on a nominee, then each may nominate an Alternate candidate and the Alternate shall be determined by a majority vote of those members present.
- c. No more than one (1) Alternate shall be elected from any district.
- d. If a vacancy occurs in an Alternate position during the term (e.g., an Alternate dies, resigns or no longer meets the qualifications to serve), then nominations to fill the vacancy may be made by the Committee members representing the district with the vacancy. The vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the Committee members present. If, within three (3) months from the date of the vacancy, no nomination is offered from either of the Committee members of the district or no nominee receives a majority vote of those present, nominations shall be open from the floor.
- e. Alternates may participate in discussions and all other activities of the Committee, including serving on standing and ad hoc committees. However, Alternates may not vote at Committee meetings unless seated in accordance with Article I,

Section 9.g and may not vote at a meeting of a standing or ad hoc committee. Alternates who have been seated by the Chair shall have the right to vote on all matters at a meeting and shall count toward satisfying the quorum requirement set forth in Article IV, Section 3.

- f. Members always have the right to assign their proxies. A member who is absent shall have the right to require (by notice to the Chair or Secretary) that no Alternate be seated in his or her place.
- g. Where any member is absent from a meeting and is not represented there by a person to whom the member has given his or her proxy, then Alternates will be seated by the Chair as follows: (i) first, the Alternate from the same district as represented by the absent member and (ii) second, if such Alternate is not at the meeting, then from other Alternates not yet seated for that meeting on a consecutive, rotating basis by the Chair. If a member arrives at the meeting late and an Alternate has already been seated in place of that member, then the member replaces the Alternate and the assignment is voided starting at that time. If the Alternate from the absent member's district arrives at the meeting late and another Alternate has already been seated for that absent member on a rotating basis by the Chair, then the Chair's selection holds and the seated Alternate remains in place.

Section 10. CHAIR—NON-COMMITTEE MEMBER

- a. If the Chair is elected from within the Committee, they shall immediately resign their seat as a member of the Committee. The resulting vacancy shall be filled as provided in Article I, Section 7. The Chair shall not have a vote except to break a tie.
- b. In the event that there is an acting Chair who is a member of the Committee, the acting Chair shall have a vote but shall not have the power to break a tie.

Section 11. RESIGNATION – A member wishing to resign shall do so by giving written notice (by mail, email or fax) to the Secretary. The resignation will be effective upon receipt (or such later date specified in the notice) and acknowledgment, and may not be withdrawn.

ARTICLE II—OFFICERS

Section 1. OFFICERS -The Officers of the Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and any other officers approved by the Committee. All Officers may be elected from within or without the membership of the Committee. Officers elected from without the membership of the Committee (a) shall not be entitled to a vote, except for the Chair who shall have the right to break a tie, but (b) may otherwise fully participate in the affairs of the Committee.

Section 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING—The retiring Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary of the Committee shall within one (1) week after primaries at which Committee members are elected, call a meeting of the members-elect for organization of the Committee and at such meeting, or adjournment thereof, the members-elect shall elect the Officers of the Committee.

Section 3. TERM—Officers so elected shall hold office for the term of the Committee electing them.

Section 4. CHAIR—The Chair shall call meetings as provided for in these rules; appoint committees as may be deemed advisable to conduct affairs of the Committee; authorize expenditures of funds as approved by vote of the Committee; act as a temporary Chair of party caucuses; and perform other duties incident to the office or as prescribed in these rules or State Party Rules. The Chair shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of each committee.

Section 5. VICE-CHAIR—The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair, and act as Chair in the event of the absence, incapacity, or vacancy of the Chair.

Section 6. SECRETARY—The Secretary shall maintain the minutes of the Committee; post notices of meetings; maintain a list of names, addresses and email address of members of the Committee; and perform other duties incident to the office or as prescribed by these rules.

Within one (1) week after organization of the Committee, the Secretary shall file with the Secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee a list of the names and addresses of the Officers and members of the Committee and the name and address of the Democratic Registrar of Voters.

Section 7. TREASURER—The Treasurer shall administer the financial affairs of the Committee; maintain an accounting of income and expenditures; expend funds as authorized by the Chair and approved by vote of the Committee; present financial reports at each meeting; and perform other duties incident to the office or as prescribed by these rules.

Section 8. DEPUTY TREASURER—The Deputy Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer, and act as Treasurer in the event of the absence, incapacity or vacancy of the Treasurer.

Section 9. PARLIAMENTARIAN—The Parliamentarian shall have such duties as prescribed in Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 10. OFFICER VACANCY—If there is a vacancy in an office of the Committee, the Committee may fill the same by a majority vote of the Committee members present, at a meeting called for that purpose.

Section 11. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS—Officers of the Committee may be removed from their positions by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of the Committee at a meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE III—COMMITTEES

Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES. The Committee shall have the standing committees described below. In all cases, the members of the standing committee shall be appointed by the Chair after consultation with the Executive Committee. The Chair, if not otherwise an appointed member of a standing committee, shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of each such committee.

- a. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**—The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Committee, the Parliamentarian, and the chairs of all Standing Committees. The Executive Committee shall meet as necessary to provide overall policy direction, assist in the administration of the Committee and assist the Chair in implementing policies and recommendations of the Committee. The Executive Committee does not have authority to make decisions which reflect a preference for one candidate over another for the same office, where both candidates have been endorsed by the Committee.

The Chair, with Committee approval, may add additional members to the Executive Committee at any time.

- b. **SCREENING COMMITTEE**—The Screening Committee shall screen potential candidates and present to the entire Committee a list of the same in each election year based on the calendar provided by the Secretary of State.

The Screening Committee may make recommendations of nominees for office.

- c. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**—The Finance Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, shall submit an annual budget to the Executive Committee to be amended and/or approved before being voted on by the membership of the Committee. The Deputy Treasurer will be a member of the Finance Committee.
- d. **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**—The Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for raising sufficient funds for the Committee to carry out its purposes. The Treasurer will be a member of the Fundraising Committee. The Deputy Treasurer may be a member of the Fundraising Committee.
- e. **APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**—The Appointments Committee will screen and recommend candidates for appointed municipal Boards and Commissions.
- f. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**—The Outreach Committee will coordinate voter registration efforts; work with campaigns to elect Democratic candidates to office; provide volunteers for Democratic campaigns and encourage local Democrats to seek elective offices. The Secretary will be a member of the Outreach Committee.
- g. **RULES COMMITTEE**—The Rules Committee will consider changes to these Rules and shall have such other responsibilities as assigned by the Chair.

Section 2. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES. The Committee or Chair may, from time-to-time, authorize and appoint such additional standing or ad hoc committees as either of them may determine.

Section 3. NOTICE AND RIGHT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS. Meetings of all standing and ad hoc committees shall be noticed to all members of the City Committee at least five (5) days in advance. All members of the City Committee shall be welcome to attend any standing or ad hoc committee meeting and participate in deliberations, but are not permitted to vote. Subject to this rule, the chair of a committee shall determine whether committee members participate before members of the City Committee.

ARTICLE IV--MEETINGS

Section 1. The Committee shall meet on the call of the Chair at least four (4) times a year for the conduct of such regular business as the Committee may have and special meetings shall be called from time to time upon call of the Chair or upon the written request, signed by a majority of the members of the Committee, presented to the Chair.

Section 2. For a regular meeting, the Secretary shall give seven (7) days prior written notice of the time, place and purpose or agenda of the meeting to all Committee members and alternates by mail, facsimile or electronic mail. For a special meeting, the Secretary shall give written notice of the time, place and purpose of such meeting to all members and alternates of the Committee by mail, facsimile or electronic mail at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of such meeting, or personal notice at least eight (8) hours before the time of such meeting. In addition, for all meetings, the Committee shall post notice of the meeting on the Committee's web site at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Section 3. Sixteen (16) members (including Alternates who have been seated) present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. A member may be counted as present if that member is either in attendance or represented by a valid proxy.

Section 4. The Secretary or designee shall take minutes of each regular and special meeting of the Committee. When any vote is taken by roll call vote, each member and their respective action on every item voted on shall be recorded and included within the minutes. Prior to each meeting, the secretary will distribute a draft of the minutes for the prior meeting to the Committee members by email, and upon adoption by the Committee, the secretary shall retain such minutes with the permanent records of the Committee.

Section 5. At any meeting of the Committee or a standing or ad hoc committee which is held virtually, Committee members shall not (a) record nor permit a third party to record the meeting, nor (b) permit any non-Democrat to listen to or otherwise attend the meeting.

ARTICLE V—ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES; NOMINATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DELEGATES

Section 1. MUNICIPAL AND CONVENTION DELEGATE ENDORSEMENTS (INCLUDING SINGLE TOWN STATE REPRESENTATIVES)

- a. The Committee, at a meeting called for the purpose, may select party endorsed candidates for any municipal office (which includes single-town State Representative districts lying wholly within the City) and for delegates to conventions. To be endorsed for an office or convention, a candidate must be nominated and seconded and receive a majority vote of Committee members and seated Alternates, present in person or by proxy. The Chair shall preside over endorsement meetings and shall have a tie-breaking vote.
- b. In the endorsement of any person for the Board of Representatives, State Representative districts lying wholly within the City, or for a position as delegate, for whom only the electors of a political subdivision of the City may vote, the Chair shall call a meeting of the members of the Committee elected from said political subdivision. Only Committee members representing that political subdivision, their proxies who are registered Democrats living in that subdivision, and seated Alternates representing that subdivision, may participate.

- Section 2.**
- a. In any endorsement contest where there are multiple seats for one office and multiple candidates, there shall be a vote to fill each seat individually, and voting shall continue until that seat is filled from one of the candidates in nomination by a majority vote of members present. If no candidate receives a majority, voting will continue until a candidate with a majority vote of members present has filled each seat.
 - b. In any endorsement contest where there are three (3) or more candidates nominated for one seat, voting shall continue until that seat is filled from one of the candidates by a majority vote of members present; provided, however, following each round of voting if no candidate has received a majority in that round, the candidate with the fewest number of votes shall be eliminated. This process of dropping the candidate with the fewest number of votes shall continue until there are only two (2) candidates remaining.

- Section 3. STATE, CONGRESSIONAL AND MULTI-TOWN CONVENTIONS.** The party endorsement of candidates for delegates to any state, congressional and multi-town convention shall be by full slate composed of a number of persons equal to the number of delegates to which the City is entitled under the rules of the State Democratic Party, and such slate shall be endorsed as a unit. The Rules of the State Democratic Party shall govern such nominating convention.

The Chair may propose a slate, which may be amended by the Committee. In the

event that the Chair does not propose a slate, or the slate proposed by the Chair is defeated, then any member of the Committee may propose a slate.

In the endorsement of any person for state senator or state representative in a multi-town district, only Committee members representing that political subdivision or their proxies may vote.

Section 4. Candidates for municipal office chosen as provided in Section 1 above shall run in the primary for such office as party-endorsed candidates; provided any such candidate shall be the nominee of the Democratic Party for the office for which they are a candidate if no valid opposing candidacy has been filled for nomination to such office by four o'clock p.m. on the twenty-first (21st) day preceding the day of the Democratic primary for such office, unless said twenty-first (21st) day shall be a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, in which case, by not later than four o'clock p.m. the next succeeding business day.

Section 5. Candidates for Committee members shall run in a direct primary; provided such candidates shall be deemed elected as members of the Committee if no valid opposing candidacy has been filed for Committee member by four o'clock p.m. on the twenty-first day preceding the day of the Democratic primary for Committee members, unless said twenty-first day shall be a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, in which case, by not later than four o'clock p.m. the next succeeding business day.

Section 6. The slate of candidates for delegates to a convention chosen as provided in Sections 1, 2 and 3 above shall run in the primary for delegates to such convention as the party-endorsed slate; provided such slate of candidates shall be deemed elected as the delegates to such convention if no valid opposing candidacy by a complete slate including persons other than party-endorsed candidates has been filed by four o'clock p.m. on the twenty-first (21st) day preceding the day of the Democratic primary for delegates to conventions, unless said twenty-first (21st) day shall be a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, in which case, by not later than four o'clock p.m. the next succeeding business day.

Section 7. If for any reason the Committee fails to make sufficient endorsements of candidates for municipal office or delegates to conventions, the provisions of Section 28 of the Primary Act, as may be amended from time to time, shall govern.

Section 8. The Secretary of the Committee shall certify to the Town and City Clerk the names and street addresses of the party-endorsed candidates selected as provided in Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, the title of the office or position as Committee member or delegate for which each such person is endorsed, and the date upon which the primary is to be held. In the case of the endorsement of a person for an office or for a position as Committee member or delegate for whom only the electors of a political sub-division of the City may vote, the Secretary of the Committee shall certify to the Town and City Clerk the name or number of such political sub-division.

Section 9. Each party endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the nomination of

candidates for municipal office or for the election of Committee members or delegates to conventions shall be made and certified to the Town and City Clerk not later than the thirty-fifth (35th) day nor earlier than the forty-ninth (49th) day preceding the day of the primary.

Section 10. In the event that a vote taken on the selection of a party-endorsed candidate results in a tie, such tie vote shall be broken by the vote of the Chair of the Committee.

Section 11. If a party-endorsed candidate for nomination to a municipal office or for election as Committee member or delegate to a convention, prior to twenty-four (24) hours before the opening of the polls at the primary, dies, or, prior to ten days before the day of the primary, withdraws their name from nomination, or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office or position for which they are a candidate, an endorsement may be made to fill such vacancy by the Committee, by a majority vote of the Committee members present and voting, at a meeting called for that purpose; provided, if the original endorsement was made by the members of the Committee elected from only one subdivision of the City, only such members or their proxies living in that subdivision, or Alternates representing that subdivision, shall participate in the endorsement to fill such vacancy. The Secretary of the Committee shall immediately certify the endorsement to fill such vacancy to the Democratic Registrar of Voters. In order to withdraw, a candidate must notify the Town Clerk in writing and should also notify the Committee in writing.

In the event there is no nomination either by endorsement or otherwise made within the prescribed time, the Committee may by majority vote of those present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose fill such vacancies as may exist in the ticket and certify such nominations to the Democratic Registrar.

Section 12. The nominations of the Democratic Party to all offices and the election of members of the Committee and delegates to conventions shall be made in all respects as provided in the Primary Act, as may be amended from time to time. Whenever a primary for nomination to a municipal office or for election of Committee members or delegates to conventions is to be held under the provisions of said Act, the nominee of the Democratic Party for such office, and the members of the Committee and the delegates to conventions shall be determined by a plurality of votes cast.

Section 13. If a nomination has been made for a municipal office and the nominee thereafter but prior to twenty-four (24) hours before the opening of the polls on the day of the election for which such nomination has been made, dies, withdraws their name, or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office for which they have been nominated, a nomination to fill such vacancy may be made by the Committee, by a majority vote of the Committee members present and voting, at a meeting called for that purpose. In order to withdraw, a candidate must notify the Town Clerk in writing and should also notify the Committee in writing.

Section 14. Each delegate to a convention elected in conformity with law and with these rules may in writing designate an alternate delegate or proxy to act in the delegate's

absence, subject to these rules.

Section 15. Within the time specified in the Public Act, a candidate for nomination to any Municipal Office may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears on the last completed enrollment list of the Democratic Party of the City of Stamford, or, as the case may be within the political sub-division of the City within which a person is to be nominated, by filing with the Registrar, a petition signed by five percent (5%) of the electors whose names appear on the last complete enrollment list, and also by depositing with the Clerk of the City, the filing fee as prescribed by the General Statutes or party rules as the case may be.

Section 16. Pursuant to the Connecticut Primary Act, in the endorsement of any person for state senator or state representative, for a multi-town district, a candidate receiving at least fifteen percent (15%) of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting in at least one roll call vote, shall be eligible to primary without obtaining signatures of registered Democrats.

ARTICLE VI--CAUCUSES

Section 1. Caucuses may be called for any lawful purpose by a majority vote of the Committee, or, except as hereinafter provided, by not less than ten percent (10%) of the registered Democratic voters in the City. The call for any such caucus shall be in writing. If it is called by vote of the Committee, it shall be signed by the Chair of the Committee. If it is called by not less than ten percent (10%) of the registered Democratic voters, it shall be signed by such voters.

Section 2. Notice of time, place and purpose of any such caucus shall be given to all registered Democratic voters of the City at least five (5) days in advance of any such caucus by publishing such notice at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

Section 3. No such caucus shall be called for the purpose of removing a Committee during its term of office, except by the Chair of the State Central Committee upon petition of not less than ten percent (10%) of the registered Democratic voters of the City and upon showing to the satisfaction of the Chair of the State Central Committee that the existing Committee has failed to perform its legal or proper functions. If such a caucus votes to remove a Committee during its term of office, the permanent Chair of the caucus shall fix a day not less than six (6) and not more than seven (7) weeks thereafter for the holding of a primary for the election of Committee members and shall publish the same in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City not less than forty-two (42) days before such primary is to be held. The procedure for the election of a new Committee shall be the same as the procedure for the election of a Committee as hereinbefore provided, except that no party endorsement for Committee members shall be made, and all candidates for election to the Committee shall file their candidacies in accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the Primary Act, and the Committee members shall be chosen at the primary, except as provided in Section 28 of said Act. Committee members so elected shall hold office

from the time of their election until the day following the primary of an even numbered year.

Section 4. The Chair shall be the temporary Chair of all caucuses and shall preside until the meeting has selected its permanent Chair. In like manner the Secretary of the Committee shall act as Secretary at such caucuses until permanent organization has been effected.

Section 5. Polling places for all Democratic caucuses shall be open between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and eight o'clock p.m. on such dates as may be designated by the Committee according to law.

ARTICLE VII—PROCEDURE AND PROXIES

Section 1. Roberts Rules of Order shall be considered as conclusive on parliamentary issues; provided, however, if any provision of these Rules is in conflict with the provisions of Roberts Rules of Order, the provision of these Rules shall govern.

Section 2. A member may vote in person or by proxy and shall be counted as present if that member is either in attendance or represented by a proxy. Such proxy may be either (a) a signed original, or (b) a signed proxy scanned with the attachment sent by e-mail, or (c) an e-mail proxy with the proxy language in it. A proxy may be submitted via mail, e-mail or fax to the Secretary up to one (1) hour before the time noticed for the start of a meeting. For validation purposes, a proxy submitted by e-mail must come from the e-mail address on the City Committee member address list. The proxy shall be made available for inspection if questioned by any member of the Committee. Any person acting as a proxy shall be a registered Democrat in the City of Stamford and proxies, whether original, fax or e-mail, shall include language that certifies that the person acting as a proxy is a registered Democrat in the City of Stamford. No member may be a proxy for another member (i.e., a member may not vote the proxy of another member). No person may possess more than one (1) proxy. Any person acting as a proxy must disclose at each roll call vote (when casting their vote) whether their proxy contains any direction on how to vote.

Section 3. If any provision of these rules is found to be in conflict with the provisions of any law, the provisions of such law shall govern.

ARTICLE VIII - JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Section 1. A slate of candidates for Justice of the Peace shall be presented by the Executive Committee to the Committee at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose. The slate shall be composed of not more than the number of Democratic Justices of the Peace to which the City is entitled. The slate shall be proposed and voted on by the date set forth in the Connecticut statutes. The slate may be amended by the Committee. In the event that the Executive Committee does not propose a slate, or

the slate proposed by the Executive Committee is defeated, then any member of the Committee may propose a slate. A slate will be approved by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE IX--AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These rules may be amended by a caucus of enrolled members of the Democratic party called by the Chair for that purpose upon petition filed with the Democratic Registrar of Voters signed by at least five percent (5%), or five hundred (500), whichever is lesser, of the enrolled by the Chair not less than thirty (30), not more than sixty (60) days subsequent to the filing of such petition. Notice of such caucus, and of public places where the proposed amendments to the Party Rules shall be available for inspection, shall be published in a local newspaper no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of such caucus.

Section 2. These rules may be amended by the Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership at a meeting called for that purpose; or, in the event of changes required by changes in Federal or State laws, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided that there be at least twenty-one (21) members present at such meeting.

ARTICLE X--DEFINITIONS

Section 1. As used in these rules, the "Primary Act" means An Act Concerning Nominating Procedures, no. 36 of the Public Acts of November 1955, as may be amended from time to time; "municipal office" means any office for which only the electors of the City may vote and includes the office of each elective public office of the City, Justice of the Peace, State Representative, State Senator and Judge of Probate. The other terms used in these rules shall have the same meanings as in the Primary Act.

The above rules governing the Democratic Party of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, were amended by a majority vote at a duly warned and held virtual meeting of the Democratic City Committee of Stamford on March 31, 2021 at 7 p.m.

ATTEST:

Democratic City Committee of Stamford

By: 

Joshua Fedeli, Chair

Dated: March 31, 2021

By: 

Virginia Fox, Secretary

Dated: March 31, 2021