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**RULES GOVERNING
THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
OF THE CITY OF
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT**

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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 City and Town 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. Any person seeking election as a member of the Committee must request petition forms from the Democratic Registrar of Voters and file a signed statement consenting to be a candidate by the date specified in the Connecticut General Statutes (“General Statutes”). In order to seek election, their name must appear on the last completed enrollment list of the Democratic Party of the voting district from which they seek election.

- a.** As set forth in Section 9-417(b) of the General Statutes, if either one or two persons have requested the petition forms and filed the consent by the date and time specified in the General Statutes, then the collection of signed petitions shall not be required and each such person shall be deemed to have been lawfully elected as Committee members.
- b.** If more than two persons have requested the petition forms and filed the consent by the date and time specified in the General Statutes, then in order to be elected to the Committee, a person must collect and file with the Registrar, within the time specified in the General Statutes, 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 seeks to be elected.
- c.** 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 that voting district, such candidates shall be deemed elected on the date the primary would have been held.

- d. Where more than two (2) eligible persons from a voting district have submitted the required number of petition signatures, the first Tuesday in March of each even numbered year shall be the date for holding of a primary for the election of the two (2) Committee members. 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 subdivision 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 for a term of two (2) years commencing on Wednesday after the first Tuesday in March in each even numbered year.

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. One Open Position: If there is an open position on the Committee at the start of the term, nominations to fill the open position may, until the second regular meeting after the organizational meeting, only be made by the remaining Committee member representing the district with the open position. If, by that second regular meeting, no nominee receives a majority vote of those present and voting or no nomination is offered from the remaining member of the district, or the open position is not filled for any other reason, nominations to fill the position shall be open from the floor at any subsequent meeting. The position shall be filled by a majority vote of the members present and voting.
- b. Two Open Positions: If there are two (2) open positions on the Committee from the same district at the start of the term, nominations to fill both positions may be made from the floor at the organizational meeting or any meeting thereafter. Where there are more candidates than open positions, then there shall be a vote to fill each seat individually. Each seat shall be filled by a majority vote of those present and voting.

Section 7. VACANCIES DURING THE TERM

- a. If a vacancy occurs in the Committee during the term (e.g., a member dies, resigns, moves out of Stamford or no longer meets the qualifications to serve), then, for a period of three (3) months following the date of notice of the vacancy, nominations to fill the vacancy may only be made by the remaining Committee member representing the district with the vacancy. The vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members present and voting. If, within three (3) months from the date of notice of the vacancy, no nominee receives a majority vote of those

present and voting 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 and voting.

- 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 and voting.

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 only 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 and voting.
- 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 and voting.
- 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, moves out of Stamford 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 and voting. 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 and voting, 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. Alternates who have been seated by the Chairperson at a Committee meeting in accordance with Article I, Section 9.g shall have the right to vote on all matters at that 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 Chairperson or Secretary) that no alternate be seated in his or her place.
- g. **Seating of Alternates at a Committee Meeting.** At a Committee meeting, where (i) 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, or (ii) there is a vacancy on the Committee, then alternates will be seated by the Chairperson as follows: (i) first, the alternate from the same district as represented by the absent member/vacancy 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 Chairperson. 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 Chairperson, then the Chairperson's selection holds and the seated alternate remains in place.
- h. **Voting by Alternates at a Standing or Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.** At a standing or ad hoc committee meeting, alternates assigned to that committee shall have the right to vote.

Section 10. CHAIRPERSON - NON-COMMITTEE MEMBER

- a. If the Chairperson 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 Chairperson shall not have a vote except to break a tie.
- b. In the event that there is an acting Chairperson who is a member of the Committee, the acting Chairperson 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 or email) 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 Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, 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. CHAIRPERSON. The Chairperson 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 chairperson of party caucuses; and perform other duties incident to the office or as prescribed in these rules or State Party Rules. The Chairperson shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of each committee.

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

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 Chairperson 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 and voting, 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. The chairpersons of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson after consultation with the officers. The members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson after consultation with the Executive Committee. The Chairperson, 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson, 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. **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.
- d. **APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**—The Appointments Committee will screen and recommend candidates for appointed municipal Boards and Commissions.

- e. **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.
- f. **RULES COMMITTEE**—The Rules Committee will consider changes to these Rules and shall have such other responsibilities as assigned by the Chairperson.

Section 2. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES. The Committee or Chairperson 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 STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETINGS. Meetings of all standing and ad hoc committees, except the Executive Committee, shall be noticed to all members and alternates of the City Committee at least three (3) days in advance. All members and alternates of the City Committee shall be welcome to attend any standing or ad hoc committee meeting, except the Executive Committee, and subject to the decision of the committee chairperson, 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 and alternates of the City Committee.

ARTICLE IV--MEETINGS

Section 1. The Committee shall meet on the call of the Chairperson 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 Chairperson or upon the written request, signed by a majority of the members of the Committee, presented to the Chairperson.

Section 2. For a regular meeting, the Secretary shall give to all Committee members and alternates seven (7) days prior written notice of the time and place of the meeting by mail or email, and four (4) days prior written notice of the purpose or agenda by email. 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 email 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 Committee meetings, notice of the meeting shall be posted 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 of 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.

Section 6. AVOIDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN VOTING. In order for Committee members and alternates to avoid engaging in a conflict of interest in voting:

No member of the Committee (voting in person or by proxy), or a seated alternate, shall be permitted to nominate themselves, or participate in any vote or discussion regarding their nomination or endorsement, for any elected or appointed public office. (For example, a Committee member who is seeking a seat on the Board of Education would not be permitted to nominate themselves or vote on their endorsement for the Board of Education.)

Section 7. MAJORITY VOTE. Except as otherwise provided by law or by these Rules, the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting at the meeting at the time of such vote, if a quorum is then present, shall be the act of the Committee. “Majority of the members present and voting” means more than 50% of the votes cast by persons entitled to vote, excluding abstentions.

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

Section 1. MUNICIPAL 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).. To be endorsed for an office, a candidate must be nominated and seconded and receive a majority vote of Committee members and seated alternates, present (in person or by proxy) and voting. Where there is no Committee member eligible to second a nomination, then the nomination shall fail. (For example, in the nomination for the Board of Representatives, if there is no second because the second Committee member has recused themselves or is not permitted to second their own nomination, then the nomination shall fail.) The Chairperson shall preside over endorsement meetings and shall have a tie-breaking vote.

b. In the endorsement of any person for the Board of Representatives, or State

Representative districts lying wholly within the City, for whom only the electors of a political subdivision (i.e., district) of the City may vote, the Chairperson shall call a meeting of the Committee. Only Committee members representing that political subdivision (i.e., district), their proxies who are registered Democrats living in that subdivision (i.e., district), and seated alternates representing that subdivision (i.e., district), may vote.

- 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 the seats, with each Committee member entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of unfilled seats. Voting shall continue until all seats are filled from the candidates in nomination by a majority vote of members present and voting. As long as there are more candidates nominated than unfilled seats, then in any round where no candidate receives a majority, 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 is only one more candidate than there are unfilled seats. (For example, three (3) candidates for two (2) seats.)
- 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 and voting; 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. DELEGATES TO 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 endorsement.

The Chairperson may propose a slate of delegates, which may be amended by the Committee. In the event that the Chairperson does not propose a slate, or the slate proposed by the Chairperson is defeated, then any member of the Committee may propose a slate. Any slate shall include the Committee members representing that political subdivision.

Only registered Democrats living in that subdivision, or their proxies who are registered Democrats living in that subdivision, may be delegates.

Section 4. Candidates for municipal office chosen as provided in Section 1 above shall run in the primary (if any) for such office as party-endorsed candidates. However, in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, if no valid opposing candidacy has been filed for nomination to such office by the deadline, then such candidate shall be the nominee of the Democratic Party for the office for which they are a candidate.

Section 5. 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 6. Following any endorsement, the Secretary or Chairperson of the Committee shall file a Certificate of Party Endorsement, certifying to the Secretary of the State and to the City and Town Clerk, as applicable, the names and street addresses of the party-endorsed candidates selected as provided in Sections 1, 2 and 3 above, the title of the office or position for which each such person is endorsed.

Section 7. If a party-endorsed candidate for a municipal office, 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 City and Town Clerk. In order to withdraw, a candidate must notify the City and 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 City and Town Clerk.

Section 8. 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 and the Connecticut General Statutes, 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 9. 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 City and Town Clerk in writing and should also notify the Committee in writing.

Section 10. Each delegate to a convention elected in conformity with law and with these rules may in writing designate a proxy to act in the delegate's absence, subject to these rules.

Section 11. Filing Primary Petition Candidacies. Within the time specified in the Connecticut General Statutes, a candidate who is seeking the nomination to any municipal office and has not received the endorsement of the Committee, may qualify for the primary by filing with the Registrar of Voters a petition signed by five percent (5%) of the electors whose names appear on the last-completed enrollment list of the Democratic Party of the City of Stamford, or, as the case may be, within the political subdivision of the City within which that person is seeking nomination. See CGS Sec. 9-406.

Section 12. Pursuant to the Primary Act and the Connecticut General Statutes, 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 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 present and voting, 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 Chairperson 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 chairperson 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 chairperson 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 chairperson 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 Chairperson 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. Robert's 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 Robert's 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 email, or (c) an email proxy with the proxy language in it. A proxy may be submitted via mail or email 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 email must come from the email 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 or email, 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 and voting.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These rules may be amended by a caucus of enrolled members of the Democratic party called by the Chairperson 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 Chairperson 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.

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The above rules governing the Democratic Party of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, were amended by a two-thirds vote at a duly noticed and held meeting of the Democratic City Committee of Stamford on February 26, 2025 at 7 p.m.

ATTEST:

Democratic City Committee of Stamford

By: /s/ Robin Druckman
Robin Druckman, Chairperson
Dated: February 26, 2025

By: /s/ Zareen Husain
Zareen Husain, Recording Secretary
Dated: February 26, 2025