

**CITY OF NORWALK  
REAPPORTIONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:** Kenneth D'Arinzo, Chair; Diane Cece, Khea Gibbs, Scott Goodwin, Diana Paladino Christopher (virtual), Brenda Penn-Williams, Jody Proct, Susan Remson, Stuart Wells.

**OTHERS:** Priti Mathur, ARCBridge; Sam Mathur, ARCBridge; James Hobayan, IT

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. D'Arinzo called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. D'Arinzo called the roll. A quorum was present.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

• **September 19, 2024.**

**\*\* MS. CECE MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 MEETING.**

**\*\* MR. GOODWIN SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. D'Arinzo said that Ms. Mathur would be presenting a PowerPoint slide deck on the approved district boundaries for public comment.

Ms. Mathur greeted those present, both online and present in the Norwalk Council Chambers. She gave a brief overview of the required regulations and noted that some of the factors that were considered included: population equality, target populations, compact and contiguous, use of census blocks, fair representation of minorities, communities of interest, historical boundary lines, Taxing Districts and the CT Voting Act.

She also displayed a bar graph showing the racial breakdown of the Norwalk residents as per the 2021 Census data. The next two slides showed the current voting districts and the populations within those boundaries. District A is the most populated and over the allowable amount while District C has the lowest population. There was a deviation of 18.86% in the current districts. She also reviewed the racial populations in each of the districts.

The next slides illustrated where the four changes of district boundaries would be made to bring the districts into compliance. The maximum deviation was brought down to 4.75%. Ms. Mathur

then reviewed the proposed changes along with the reasoning in detail. She concluded the presentation by saying these were the changes approved by the Reapportionment Committee.

Ms. Elsa Petersen Obuchowski, came forward and greeted the Committee members. She said that she felt that it was unfortunate that City Hall and the Green was now in District C. She asked if they could change the deviation closer to 10%. She expressed dismay that some of the First Taxing District residents would have to cross into a different District would make it more confusing.

She asked if they had considered how the City Charter language would change to reflect these issues and also asked for clarification on the process that the reapportionment changes would take to move forward.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MS. PROCT MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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