

COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS & VIA
TELECONFERENCE

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	Ms. Barbara Smyth	

District A: Ms. Nicol Ayers (6:15 p.m.) Mr. David Heuvelman

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