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BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES 2015 – 2016 Budget Presentation

Review of Budget Request

Financial Request (2015-2016)

Request is: \$1,095,904 (Increase of \$216,335)

Increase:

Increase request due to **possible** September 2015 Primary for BOF, BOE, BOR, Presidential Preference Primary (April 2016) and **possible** City Committee Primary (March 2016). Additional expenses are the increase costs for Poll worker training mandated by the state, service contracts for voting machines, replacement of memory cards used in all elections. Extra poll worker training and equipment for same day voter registration (EDR) as mandated by the state. Increases in the cost of renting private polling locations, extra duty police, city building use, notification cards, postage and supplies.

Budget Management:

The office of the Registrars of Voters is diligent in working to keep our expenses within budget.

Cost Analysis and Spending Priorities:

The cost of running elections is mandated by the State of Connecticut and the Election Laws.

We have replaced 3/4th of our voting machine memory cards with the newly designed type at a cost of \$250.00. We are required by state law to provide 4 memory cards for each district plus the Absentee and EDR voting machines (96 cards with a total cost of \$24,000). This year we will replace the last 24 at a cost of \$6,000.00).

Business case and justification for any increases:

See above

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Elections:

In addition to the November Municipal election, we must anticipate a City-Wide Primary in all the 22 local districts for BOF, BOE, and a number of BOR districts. From experience we must include the addition of the after-election audit as required by state law to confirm the accuracy of the voting scanners. The districts to be audited are picked in a lottery draw at the Secretary of the State's office. Because of the large number of voting districts in Stamford we can usually count on having between 2 and 5 districts being audited (this consists of hand counting the ballots in a number of races).

Election Day Voter Registration

The institution of Election Day Registration requires additional trained staff, computers and telephones. For the November 2014 election we had almost 200 new voters and an additional staff of 8 workers. We also need additional memory cards and ballots to facilitate EDR.

Canvass

We sent out approximately 58,000 cards last year. As a cost cutting measure we changed the wording on the cards to read: ***Please sign and return ONLY if either of these changes apply:*** change of address or change of name. We had approximately 1500 removal of voters who no longer lived in Stamford. We also had close to 900 name and address changes within Stamford.

Voter Registration

We are mandated by Connecticut State Law to visit the high schools to do voter registration. This requires at least 2 teams of Assistant Registrars from our seasonal office staff to assist the students in registering to vote.

Record Maintenance

In addition to the canvass we added (between 3/14 – 3/15) 3190 new voters and removed 3893 voters who moved from of Stamford. We made well over 1500 changes during the year updating existing voters who requested name, address and party changes.

Equipment Maintenance

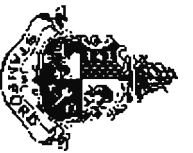
The "new" voting scanners are almost 10 years old. Fortunately, with the proper yearly maintenance we have not had too many problems with these machines. We are now responsible for having the yearly maintenance service done. We have been replacing the old memory cards with the new updated ones which are must more efficient.

Looking Ahead

We could not run our office, elections and the canvass without our fantastic seasonal staff. We are hoping to add more seasonal workers to complement our existing staff.

It is becoming difficult to hire qualified poll workers to work the elections. In addition to the in-person training the State requires an on line training curse which takes between 2 to 3 hours on our computers to complete. Many of our workers do not have the proper equipment in their homes. The poll workers' pay for a 16 hour day ranges from \$145. to \$300. We do pay them for their training. The poll workers have not had a pay increase in more than 10 years!

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**Totals for Hartford - Secretary of State Report
Period - 03/09/2014 - 03/09/2015**

Active Voters

Mth/Yr	R	D	A	U	C	H	G	I	L	W	Total	Grand Tot
3/14	17	41	0	71	0	0	2	4	0	0	135	135
4/14	45	101	0	252	0	0	0	11	2	0	411	546
5/14	25	40	0	53	0	0	0	5	0	0	123	669
6/14	21	34	0	55	0	0	0	6	1	0	117	786
7/14	35	37	0	69	0	0	0	6	0	0	147	933
8/14	57	74	0	90	0	0	0	7	0	0	228	1161
9/14	60	85	0	98	0	0	0	6	0	0	249	1410
10/14	202	286	0	496	0	0	0	18	5	0	1007	2417
11/14	114	191	0	183	0	0	1	10	2	0	501	2918
12/14	14	19	0	70	0	0	0	1	0	0	104	3022
1/15	11	30	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	3095
2/15	14	15	0	23	0	0	1	1	0	0	54	3149
3/15	5	7	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	3190

Inactive Voters

Mth/Yr	R	D	A	U	C	H	G	I	L	W	Total	Grand Tot
3/14	35	27	0	31	0	0	0	2	0	0	95	95
4/14	118	173	0	178	0	0	1	3	0	0	473	568
5/14	207	322	0	399	0	0	0	24	4	0	956	1524
6/14	72	128	0	144	0	0	0	6	0	0	350	1874
7/14	49	81	0	57	0	0	1	2	0	0	190	2064
8/14	77	61	0	46	0	0	0	8	0	0	192	2256
9/14	42	51	0	57	0	0	0	5	0	0	155	2411
10/14	67	119	0	94	0	0	0	5	0	0	285	2696
11/14	42	96	1	59	0	0	0	5	0	0	203	2899
12/14	76	152	0	118	0	0	1	7	0	0	354	3253
1/15	40	50	0	42	0	0	0	4	0	0	136	3389
2/15	43	72	0	83	0	0	0	1	0	0	199	3588
3/15	68	119	0	111	0	0	0	6	1	0	305	3893

Voter Count by Local District

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

District	Total	Dem.	Repub.	Unaff.	Conn.	Concerned	Green	Indep.	Lib.	Reform	Working
District 1	3,424	1,245	929	1,192	0	0	2	52	4	0	0
District 2	2,249	1,118	342	760	0	0	1	27	1	0	0
District 3	1,836	899	236	673	0	0	2	21	5	0	0
District 4	2,319	1,039	293	948	0	0	1	36	2	0	0
District 5	1,917	1,146	93	663	0	0	1	14	0	0	0
District 6	2,377	1,089	342	899	0	0	1	42	4	0	0
District 7	2,680	1,158	396	1,072	0	0	2	44	8	0	0
District 8	2,689	1,068	493	1,072	0	0	3	50	3	0	0
District 9	2,027	950	276	783	0	0	0	17	1	0	0
District 10	2,488	1,069	407	971	0	0	5	35	1	0	0
District 11	2,610	1,102	595	864	0	0	1	46	2	0	0
District 12	2,623	1,082	477	1,018	0	0	3	39	4	0	0
District 13	3,804	1,348	1,078	1,302	0	0	4	66	6	0	0
District 14	3,215	1,186	655	1,310	0	0	10	53	1	0	0
District 15	3,012	1,222	603	1,145	0	0	3	39	0	0	0
District 16	3,873	1,389	1,035	1,370	1	0	3	69	6	0	0
District 17	3,255	1,227	783	1,173	0	0	5	63	4	0	0
District 18	3,847	1,250	1,132	1,402	0	0	2	56	5	0	0
District 19	3,932	1,370	1,172	1,322	0	0	5	58	5	0	0
District 20	4,097	1,386	1,180	1,469	0	0	4	54	4	0	0
Grand Total	58,274	23,343	12,517	21,408	1	0	58	881	66	0	0