

City of Stamford REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

FY 2019-20

Fiscal Committee
Budget Presentation





Introduction

Mission: Registrars of Voters

Running of elections and primaries. Maintaining of all voter records according to state statutes. Training election workers. Canvass all voters of active list to verify addresses. In February 2019 we mailed 71,000 canvass cards

Programs	Services Provided
Critical & Mandated See Above	
Other See Above	



Department Management

Key Program/Department Challenges

- Include factors that drive program / department costs
Due to mold problems at Westover School, we are forced to find a new location at a private facility for 2019 primary and election and for the 2020 City and Town Committee Primary (March) and Presidential Preference (April). We are noticing a breakdown of the ballot scanners (in use since 2007) and will probably be required to purchase or lease additional scanners. In addition. If population continues at the current rate we will need to add additional polling locations requiring voting equipment, use of building fees for primaries and elections, and additional poll workers. In 2018 we registered 3,900 new voters and removed 3577 and made inactive (through canvass) 1553
- Include factors that might impact productivity

Budget Scenarios

- What budget line items can you control



This is what is coming

Major changes planned for the department

- Include new or improved services (or processes) the department will provide to citizens or to other City departments or personnel

Create new additional polling locations to facilitate growing population of Stamford especially the Harbor Point area

- Describe what management is doing or could do to reduce department costs or reduce/eliminate services that are no longer critical

Most of what we do is state mandated and cannot be eliminated changed. At present time we are trying to find a city building where we can store our voting equipment, maintain the equipment and prepare for elections, and hold audits of ballots post election. Must be climate control, 24 hour access, and in close proximity to the Government Center.

- What investments, increased spending, or other changes could you make to improve the department's performance?