

Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee - Board of Representatives

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: This meeting was held remotely

The Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Roqueta, Co-Chair Moore, and Committee Member Reps. Campbell, Ley, Pollack, Walston, and Williams. Absent or Excused were Reps. Moore and Campbell. Also in attendance were Rep. Goldberg; and Cynthia Anger, Law Department.

Due to the temporary absence of the Chairs, Rep. Ley moved to open the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Rep. Pollack seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent. Rep. Ley was nominated and unanimously approved to serve as Temporary Chair until the arrival of Co-Chair Roqueta.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. <u>HCD31.088</u>	ORDINANCE; for public hearing and final adoption; Amendment to Code of Ordinances, Chapter 146, Article V, Section 146-67, Creation of A Commercial Linkage Affordable Housing Program (from 10% to 15%) 09/04/2025 – Submitted by Reps. Roqueta and Sherwood 09/30/2025 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0	COMMITTEE APPROVED 4-0-0

Rep. Ley moved to open the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.; Rep. Williams seconded. Motion approved unanimously. There were no members of the public initially present to speak. Shortly after, as additional attendees joined, the Committee voted unanimously to reopen the public hearing upon motion by Rep. Williams and second by Rep. Pollack.

Public Comments:

- **Dave Adams** spoke in strong support of the ordinance, noting the importance of increasing the linkage fee from 10% to 15% and directing those funds to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to help finance affordable housing projects.
- Sue Halpern expressed support for affordable housing and for the increase to 15%, and encouraged that the Affordable Housing Trust Fund also be used to assist owners of small multi-family homes who provide deeply affordable units, consistent with the Charter's intent that the fund support both new construction and maintenance of existing affordable housing.

Following public comments, Co-Chair Roqueta thanked participants and closed the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

Co-Chair Roqueta explained that the Affordable Housing Trust Fund can be used for a range of eligible purposes and that residents may contact Emily Gordon for application information. He clarified that the Trust Fund may support housing repair, preservation, and construction initiatives as outlined in ordinance regulations.

Rep. Pollack asked if there was a website or link where the public could learn about available resources. Co-Chair Roqueta stated that the Affordable Housing Trust Fund page is available on the City of Stamford's website and includes meeting minutes, agendas, and videos.

Rep. Ley noted that the City recently used Trust Fund dollars for renovations at Pacific House, demonstrating the City's ongoing use of funds for preservation efforts.

Rep. Goldberg asked how Stamford's 15% allocation compares with other municipalities. Co-Chair Roqueta indicated he would research comparable percentages and share that information with the full Board. Rep. Ley clarified that the ordinance redirects a portion of existing building permit fees to the Trust Fund and does not impose additional fees on applicants.

A motion to approve this item for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a voted of 5-0-0. (Reps. Roqueta, Ley, Walston, and Williams in favor).

2. HCD31.082

REVIEW; of the 2023 Affordable Housing Mayoral Executive Order. 07/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Roqueta 09/30/2025 – Held by Committee 5-0-0

RECOMMITTED TO STEERING 4-0-0

No representatives from the Mayor's Office were present. Co-Chair Roqueta noted that, in the absence of Administration participation, the Committee would not take up the item for discussion.

A motion to recommit Item No. HCD31.082 to the Steering Committee; was made and approved by a vote of 4-0-0. (Reps. Roqueta, Ley, Walston, and Williams in favor)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

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