

RESOLUTION NO. _____
IN SUPPORT OF CONCRETE ACTIONS TO
BEGIN DISMANTLING SYSTEMIC RACISM IN CITY OF
STAMFORD INSTITUTIONS

WHEREAS, the tragic death of George Floyd has elevated the need for community leaders to take action to address the lasting effects of systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives has an obligation and responsibility to take action to respond to the public outcry for additional actions towards dismantling systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives has an obligation and responsibility to support Stamford's government institutions in combating systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives has an obligation and responsibility to allocate resources to support the work of the Stamford Police Department and Stamford Board of Education in developing strategies to further strengthen community relations and combat systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, the Stamford Police Department and Stamford Board of Education have a commitment, obligation and responsibility to work with community members and human services agencies to develop strategies to further strengthen community relations and combat systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, Stamford-based human services and faith-based organizations represent and serve the vast majority of our community and work directly with the most vulnerable in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives has an obligation and responsibility to commit to fully support the work of Stamford-based human services and faith-based organizations in developing strategies to further strengthen community relations and combat systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives is committed to furthering its individual awareness of the history and current effects of systemic racism through anti-racism trainings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives is requesting a collaboration of , the Stamford Police Department, Stamford Board of Education, Stamford-based human services and faith-based organizations, and community members to develop strategies to further strengthen community relations and combat systemic racism and return to the Board of Representatives for requests of funding support in the form of additional appropriations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 30TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES that the Board of Representatives fully commits to supporting the Stamford Police Department's and Stamford Board of Education's future expanded efforts to strengthen community relations and combat systemic racism by committing to approve all reasonable requests for the appropriation of additional funds in support of these efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives commits to provide support corresponding to its authority to the work of Stamford-based human services and faith-based organizations and community members to further strengthen community relations and combat systemic racism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives will engage in ongoing education of its members concerning the roots and impacts of systemic racism.