

# 31<sup>ST</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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## RESOLUTION NO. 4193 RESOLUTION TO ADVANCE AND SUPPORT THE CITY OF STAMFORD'S VISION ZERO INITIATIVE

**WHEREAS**, on September 20, 2022, Mayor Caroline Simmons issued an Executive Order to form a City of Stamford Vision Zero Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stamford has formed a Vision Zero Task Force which includes members of the Board of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Representatives has by resolution expressed its support for the implementation of speed cameras in front of schools to improve traffic safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Representatives adopted a Complete Streets ordinance on January 5, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vision Zero Task Force will be working closely with the Board of Representatives to advance its recommendations to eliminate fatal and serious traffic crashes in the city by 2032; and

**WHEREAS**, our streets form the foundation of our community, connect our neighborhoods into one City, and provide mobility to our residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, roadway deaths and serious injuries on Stamford's Streets have altered the lives of and caused significant harm to many of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, our most vulnerable roadway users - pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists - are disproportionately harmed by roadway crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, proven measures exist to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities on our streets through thoughtful and data-back implementation of the Safe Systems Approach

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero is a goal to achieve zero roadway deaths on our streets; and

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero is premised on the fundamental principle that loss of life and serious injury from traffic crashes is unacceptable, yet acknowledges that while people make mistakes, our roadway network should be designed to ensure those inevitable mistakes do not result in severe injuries or deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, for Vision Zero to be accepted, it must be thoughtfully integrated into and embraced by multiple stakeholders, including transportation engineers, maintenance staff, police and emergency services, land use planners, City government leaders and elected officials, the business community, neighborhood and community groups, and the public at large; and

**WHEREAS**, people with disabilities, seniors, and children are disproportionately affected when it comes to road safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of traffic deaths within the City of Stamford occur on State owned roads; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES** supports the advancement of the City of Stamford Vision Zero Initiative based on the five fundamental principles from the Vision Zero Network, that:

1. Deaths and serious injuries caused by traffic crashes are preventable;

2. Human life and health should be prioritized in all transportation systems and in all aspects of transportation planning and design;
3. Human error is inevitable and transportation systems should be forgiving;
4. Transportation planning should focus on systems-level changes about influencing individual behavior; and,
5. Speed is the single most important factor in crash severity; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the City of Stamford Board of Representatives supports the funding and implementation of Vision Zero principals, including but not limited to:

1. Roadway designs that prioritize the safety of vulnerable users, including people with disabilities, seniors, and children; that implements good engineering design such as Complete Streets; and that reduces speeding, improves and expands pedestrian and bicycle facilities; and that creates safer streets for all users; and
2. Increased traffic enforcement to reduce speeding, aggressive driving, failure to yield to pedestrians, red light running, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and distracted driving; and
3. Systematic and thoughtful roadway safety education; and
4. The Safe Systems Approach to integrate and expand upon the concept of Engineering, Enforcement, and Education, and take a systematic and redundant approach to roadway safety; and
5. Engineering, design, and signage controls to reduce speeding across the City; and
6. Working with traditionally under-resourced and underserved communities to ensure that their concerns are thoughtfully included in the City's implementation strategies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Stamford encourages coordination between City and State officials, and the implementation of innovative pedestrian safety improvements on State roadways in an efficient and expeditious manner to reduce traffic violence.

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This resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda at the regular monthly meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives held on March 6, 2023

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