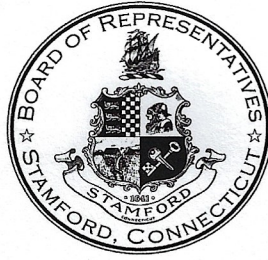


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Public Statement from the Leadership of the 31st Board of Representatives

Leadership reached out to Corporation Counsel for guidance shortly after the matter became known to us. Leadership was informed by Corporation Counsel that they could only give limited advice on this matter and would not be able to represent the Board.

Based on what limited advice leadership received from Corporation Counsel, the decision was made to embark on a process of seeking out and interviewing lawyers to protect the interests of the Board, and the city.

Selecting Attorney Mednick, together with Attorney Roberts and his firm, was the right choice for the following reasons:

- He had the most experience with this type of case, including the leading case of *Simons v. Canty*.
- He has experience having dealt with a similar issue in the City of New Haven as a member of the Board of Alders.
- He has worked with every major municipality in Connecticut.
- He has experience and a full understanding of our city charter.
- Attorney Mednick and Attorney Roberts are both well regarded and respected around the state and have represented a wide array of cities and towns in sensitive issues.
- Attorney Roberts and his firm provide a depth of resources, including experienced litigators should that become necessary.
- Leadership had concerns about the cost to taxpayers as we continue through this uncharted territory, not knowing where or how far this process may go. Out of all the attorneys interviewed, the rates and terms provided by Attorney Mednick and Attorney Roberts were more fiscally responsible than the fees received from other attorneys.

Respectfully,

Jeff Curtis, President, Majority Leader Nina Sherwood, Minority Leader Mary L. Fedeli, Clerk of the Board Megan Cottrell, Deputy Majority Leaders Virgil dela Cruz and Eric Morson, and Deputy Minority Leader David Watkins