

31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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Dear Colleagues:

One of our colleagues, Representative Weinberg, used dehumanizing language ('ruling pigs') in reference to several members of the Board of Representatives in an op-ed that was published in the Stamford Advocate (see attached). These members include African Americans, immigrants, children of immigrants, Latinos, people who speak English as a second language, women, etc. Regardless of whether the members fall into protected classes or not, calling a colleague a 'ruling pig' is always wrong, although the sting may be felt in a sharper way for some.

In addition, Representative Weinberg has spent a lot of time casting aspersions and spreading conspiracies about his Board of Representatives colleagues on Next Door and to the press. Several exhibits are attached which illustrate this point. According to Robert's Rules of Order, Chapter XX, members "are required to be of honorable character and reputation." Furthermore, Robert's Rules of Order Chapter IV section 30 states that members must, "never attack or make any allusion to the motives of members."

The aforementioned behavior is distasteful, divisive, and undermines confidence in the Board of Representatives as the city's legislative body.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey Stella
Stamford Board of Representatives
District 9

**BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES RESOLUTION REGARDING CENSURE OF REPRESENTATIVE
CARL WEINBERG AND RECOMMENDATION TO COMPLETE SENSITIVITY TRAINING**

WHEREAS, Representative Carl Weinberg has, and continues to openly attack Board members during Committee and Board meetings, and,

WHEREAS, these attacks impugn the actions and motives of target members, and

WHEREAS, such behavior disrupts the conduct of Committee and Board business, and

WHEREAS, this conduct introduces friction and division into Committee and Board deliberations, and,

WHEREAS, Representative Weinberg exports such attacks to the public via the press and social media, and,

WHEREAS, such attacks are laced with partial and outright misinformation and are sometimes conspiratorial in nature and,

WHEREAS, in particular, the use of the language, "ruling pigs" in an op-ed published in the Stamford Advocate can be construed, depending on the person targeted, as being xenophobic, misogynistic, racist, and altogether wildly inappropriate behavior unbecoming of a city legislator, and

Whereas, such behavior serves to delegitimize the Stamford Board of Representatives, the legislative body of the City of Stamford, and

WHEREAS, faith in our government institutions is essential for a functioning Democracy, and

WHEREAS, said Representative may be oblivious to the harm he impinges on others, and on the reputation and legitimacy of the Board of Representatives,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Representative Carl Weinberg be censured and it is requested that the member complete sensitivity training through Stamford's Human Resources Department to avoid such behaviors happening again.