

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING LYNNE COLATRELLA
FOR HER RETIREMENT FROM STAMFORD DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES
AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, after a remarkable 25 years of shaping Stamford's cultural landscape, where her leadership was instrumental in transforming Stamford Downtown into the thriving district it is today, Lynne Colatrella announced her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Lynne joined Stamford Downtown Special Services District (DSSD) in 1999, bringing with her a deep passion for both creativity and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her tenure, Lynne Colatrella spearheaded countless iconic events that have not only enriched the cultural fabric of Stamford but also contributed significantly to its economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, some of the standout events under her leadership include elevating the *Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular* to the largest balloon parade in the State of Connecticut. She has also grown the *Alive At Five Summer Concert Series* from a trailer with local bands to 10,000+ audiences; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Colatrella has produced the *Art In Public Spaces* initiative highlighting both national and local artists/artisan exhibits and has facilitated placemaking activations such as the *Farmers Market* to enhance the public realm throughout Downtown; and

WHEREAS, Lynne's work went beyond event planning; it was about creating experiences that brought people together and fostered a sense of pride and connection within the community. Her direction has caused Stamford Downtown's marketing initiatives to blossom, earning regional and national recognition for the district's dedication to arts, music and public events; and

WHEREAS, although Lynne is stepping away from her daily role at the Downtown Special Services District, we acknowledge she will continue to serve Stamford in her role as the Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Colatrella has successfully turned her 25 years of creative impact on Downtown Stamford into a legacy of a thriving, dynamic destination for all to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 31st Board of Representatives wishes Lynne Colatrella well in the next phase of her life and thanks her for her 25 years of dedication, leadership and contributions to the community fabric of Stamford.

*Approved by the 31st Board of Representatives
this 4th day of August, 2025*

Nina Sherwood, President

Megan Cottrell, Clerk