

Resolution Urging the Connecticut General Assembly to Adopt Senate Bill 151, Relating to Housing in the State of Connecticut

WHEREAS, the Connecticut General Assembly is currently in session and several praiseworthy bills have been brought before its Senate and House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford and the region within which it resides are amidst a severe shortage of housing, causing significant cost burdens for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford cannot, within the scope of authority granted to it by the State, lawfully pass all necessary and appropriate housing measures; and

WHEREAS, issues of housing and affordability cut across municipal borders, and state guidance and coordination of municipalities is necessary to ensure cooperation of all municipalities on housing; and

WHEREAS, unduly restrictive land use policies by Stamford's neighboring towns have substantially contributed to the excessive housing cost-burdens on Stamford residents; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Stamford are renters, deserving of and requiring appropriate legal protections; and

WHEREAS, those who are unhoused are also deserving of and requiring appropriate legal protections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 32nd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford endorses in the strongest possible terms Senate Bill 257, An Act Concerning Evictions For Cause, and calls upon the Connecticut General Legislature to adopt it or materially similar legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 32nd Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford calls upon the Governor of Connecticut to promptly sign into law any of the aforementioned bills that the General Assembly shall pass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Stamford's state legislative delegation, the leadership of the Connecticut General Assembly, and the Governor of the State of Connecticut.