Court of Common Council



CITY OF HARTFORD

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January 28, 2015

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, January 26, 2015 the following RESOLUTION was passed as AMENDED.

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council (the "Council") authorized the formation of a Committee of Inquiry (the "Committee") to investigate impediments to casting ballots, any inaccuracies or delays in reporting of the vote count, and any other issue with regard to the City's administration of the November 4, 2014 general election (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, The Committee completed its investigation and reported its findings on January 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Such findings detail significant failures by the Registrars of Voters to fulfill their statutory duties in connection with the Election; and

WHEREAS, The Council believes that the conduct reported by the Committee may constitute "dereliction of official duty, or incompetence" by the Hartford Registrars of Voters (the "Registrars") and may evidence "incapacity to perform official duties" by the Registrars, all within the meaning of Section 3 of Chapter IV of the Charter of the City of Hartford; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council requests that the Corporation Counsel retain Ross Garber, Esq. and the law firm of Shipman & Goodwin LLP to draft charges warranted by the information gathered by the Committee in addition to such other information that counsel deems to be appropriate, against each Registrar of Voters for consideration by the Council, all in accordance with Section 3 of Chapter IV of the Charter of the City of Hartford; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Council requests that Attorney Garber present a proposed statement of charges to the Council no later than February 9, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That if the Council votes to prefer charges against one or more of the Registrars, Attorney Garber and Shipman & Goodwin LLP be retained to act as prosecuting counsel in the resulting removal proceeding.

Attest:

John V. Bazzano, City Clerk,

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