



**CITY OF DANBURY**  
**DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810**

September 29, 2022

Hon. Mayor Dean Esposito  
Hon. Members of the City Council  
155 Deer Hill Avenue  
Danbury, CT 06810

Re: Reapportionment Advisory Commission  
Final Report

Dear Mayor and City Council:

As a follow up to Mayor Esposito's letter to you dated January 24, 2022 seeking the formation of a decennially required Reapportionment Advisory Commission (the "Commission") to prepare a Plan of Reapportionment, this letter advises you of the results thereof, in accordance with the established Charter deadline of September 30, 2022.

The Commission met on numerous occasions since February 17, 2022 in the interest of discussing and preparing a Plan of Reapportionment. The Commission was comprised of four (4) members, unable to successfully select a fifth member to serve, but sufficient to serve with quorum, as advised by counsel, given the absence of other remedies in the Charter. The Commission diligently endeavored to conform to all Charter requirements.

The Commission was comprised of the following members, as appointed by City Council leadership: Michael Safranek, John Priola, Duane Perkins and Benjamin Chianese.

In sum, one draft Plan of Reapportionment to conform the seven Wards to the 2020 Census was presented and/or discussed during the Commission's meeting on September 27, 2022. Since none of the Plans of Reapportionment were approved by three (3) Commission members (needed), no single Plan of Reapportionment was approved, and therefore none can be provided to you.<sup>1</sup> The Commission members may informally contact you with individual suggestions or other comments for your consideration.

With the Commission nearing the expiration of time to submit a Plan of Reapportionment for your review, if no such plan is submitted, per the Charter the full City Council must prepare its own Plan of Reapportionment by March 1, 2023. This process may involve the establishment of an ad-hoc committee to review the Commission's efforts, or commence its work anew ("de novo" in legal parlance).

The undersigned was pleased to act as advisor to the Commission and acknowledges the Commission's professionalism during the process.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Very truly yours



Michael Safranek Chair :  
Reapportionment Advisory Commission