

## **RESOLUTION**

### **ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WITH REGARD TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE OPTIONS OF GOVERNANCE/VOTING METHODS FOR TRUSTEE IN THE VILLAGE ELECTION**

On motion of TRUSTEE BRAKEWOOD, seconded by TRUSTEE DIDDEN, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Chester, New York:

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted February 5, 2018, the Board of Trustees memorialized the commitment to promoting public engagement as it undertakes its due diligence in considering the options of governance/voting methods for trustee in the Village election and

WHEREAS, the Board indicated its intention to establish an advisory committee of Village residents to provide assistance and to appoint members to such committee at its next regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board solicited expressions of interest and willingness from residents to serve on the Committee with a deadline of February 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. and has received 34 responses. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby establishes an advisory Village Election Committee which shall consist of interested residents who shall appoint their own chair and conduct public meetings at such dates/times at Village Hall as desirable on notice to the public; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such members are as follows:

Richard Abel, Celene Betancur, Joanne Cammarota, Rogelio Chit-Vargas, Bea Conetta, Gonzalo Cruz, Mary Edwards, George P. Ford Jr., Leo Garces, Alexander Garcia, Joan Grangenois-Thomas, Gregg Hamilton, Carole Harnoff, Jody Helmle, Kayode Howard, Richard Hyman, Tom Kissner, Joseph Lodato, Keith Morlino, Raul E. Ortuño, Heather Paul, Alex Payan, Dennis Pilla, Jack Robinson, Angelo Rubino, Lou Russo, Zeltzin Sanchez, Debra Scocchera, Scott Treusdell, Rose Varbaro, Aldo Vitagliano, Paul Zaccagnino; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in order to support a fact-based decision making process, the Committee shall be afforded copies of all relevant documents from the Voting Rights litigation; access to the Village Attorney, Corporation Counsel and Village Clerk, as well as to Professor Lisa Handley, the Village's voting rights expert, for consultation on an as-needed basis, and be allocated a budget of \$ 6,000.00 for these and other appropriate

resources to be accounted for in the Election Contractual A/c 1.1450.400, funded from Contingency A/c 1.1990.400; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee shall endeavor to make written report to the Board no later than April 2, 2018 with a recommended governance/voting method option, to include a draft ballot for use in a referendum that would necessarily be called to accomplish same.

Approved as to Form:

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Anthony M. Cerreto, Village Attorney

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Trustees Didden, Brakewood, Ferrara, Adams, Ceccarelli, Marino and Mayor Falanka.

**NOES:** None.

**RECUSE:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

**DATE:** February 20, 2018.