

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION



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Gene Ruocco,

Complainant(s)

against

Notice of Meeting

Docket #FIC 2011-666

Mayor, Town of East Haven; and Town Council, Town of East Haven,

Respondent(s)

May 10, 2012

Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision

In accordance with Section 4-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Freedom of Information Commission hereby transmits to you the proposed finding and decision prepared by the hearing officer in the above-captioned matter.

This will notify you that the Commission will consider this matter for disposition at its meeting which will be held in the Freedom of Information Commission Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, 1st floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2012. At that time and place you will be allowed to offer oral argument concerning this proposed finding and order. Oral argument shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may increase the period of time for argument. A request for additional time must be made in writing and should be filed with the Commission *ON OR BEFORE May 18, 2012*. Such request MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, and (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives.

Although a brief or memorandum of law is not required, if you decide to submit such a document, the Commission requests that an <u>original and fourteen (14) copies</u> be filed *ON OR BEFORE May 18, 2012.* PLEASE NOTE: Any correspondence, brief or memorandum directed to the Commissioners by any party or representative of any party MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives and (3) be limited to argument. NO NEW EVIDENCE MAY BE SUBMITTED.

If you have already filed a brief or memorandum with the hearing officer and wish to have that document distributed to each member of the Commission, it is requested that <u>fourteen (14) copies</u> be filed *ON OR BEFORE May 18, 2012*, and that notice be given to all parties or if the parties are represented, to their representatives, that such previously filed document is being submitted to the Commissioners for review.

By Order of the Freedom of Information Commission

W. Paradis

Acting Clerk of the Commission

Notice to: Patricia A. Cofrancesco, Esq. Joseph H. Zullo, Esq.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Report of Hearing Officer

Gene Ruocco,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2011-666

Mayor, Town of East Haven; and Town Council, Town of East Haven,

Respondents

April 18, 2012

The above-captioned matter was heard as contested case on March 12, 2012, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared and presented testimony and argument on the complaint.

On April 10, 2012, the complainant and the respondents filed a joint letter with the Commission requesting that the case be withdrawn. The respondents stated their agreement to abide by "the well-developed rules regarding caucuses".

The following orders by the Commission are hereby recommended on the basis of the record:

- 1. Based on the withdrawal of the complaint, the case is hereby dismissed.
- 2. The Commission commends the parties on having reached a settlement that may ease partisan political division in the Town of East Haven.

Clifton A. Leonhardt as Hearing Officer

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