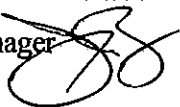




Memo

To: Senator Donald Williams, Representative Lawrence Cafero, Co-Chairs, and members of the Connecticut General Assembly Reapportionment Committee

From: Jeff Bridges, Town Manager 

Date: 7/20/2011

Re: Redistricting for the Town of Wethersfield

Chairmen Williams and Cafero and members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to bring to your attention a redistricting request from the Town of Wethersfield.

Currently Wethersfield has 10 voting districts, which due to their particular configurations, require four different ballots each general election. As you can imagine, this is quite costly to the Town. Each election can cost upwards of \$20,000. In addition, due to the limited number of facilities in Town large enough to handle election operations that are also ADA compliant, voters in some districts cannot vote within their own districts. District 3 voters vote in District 6 which has an entirely different ballot. This requires one facility to have two separate voting locations and can be confusing for many voters.

The Town of Wethersfield is requesting that a very small voting district, District 3, (520 voters) as shown on the attached map, be abolished. This would allow the number of ballots to drop to three, and the number of polling places to be reduced to seven and perhaps five. This small change could save the Town of Wethersfield an estimated \$5,000 to \$7,000 per election and lessen the logistical issues with the conduct of a general election for the Town and the voters of the community.

Town of Wethersfield Voting District Three

