

AGENDA ITEM: 7.D

DATE: 4/16/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-70

**WHEREAS,** All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

**WHEREAS,** Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

**WHEREAS,** Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Newington is committed to upholding these laws and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and the Newington Town Council hereby endorses the Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing for adequate housing of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Town Manager of the Town of Newington, or their designated representative, is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of any illegal discriminatory housing practices in the Town of Newington and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Adopted by the Newington Town Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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Jon Trister, Mayor

**Town Seal**

MOTION BY: Councilor Gonzalez

SECONDED BY: Councilor Nagel

VOTE: 9-0