



# New Haven Democracy Fund

"To ensure that all the citizens of New Haven have a fair and meaningful opportunity to participate in the election of mayor."  
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## DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

**6:00 pm Wednesday January 18, 2022**

**Mayor's conference room #2**

New Haven Democracy Fund Board, Sergio Rodriguez, Chair

Members: Aaron Goode, James O'Connell, William Wynn, James Bhandary-Alexander

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

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### AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order & Attendance
- II. Review of the Minutes from November 30, 2022, approved 2-0-1.
- III. Public comment - none.
- IV. Report from the Ordinance Review Sub-Committee (James Bhandary-Alexander, Chair)
  - A. Ordinance Revisions Submitted to the Board of Alders and referred to the Legislative Committee. - meet as a sub committee prior to public hearing.
- V. Chair's Report
  - A. Renewing membership - 4 people up for reappointment
  - B. 2023 Monthly Meeting Calendar, approved 3-0-1.
- VI. Administrator's Report
  - A. 2023 Election Preview
    1. Participating candidates
      - a) Justin Elicker
    2. Other campaigns and committees

- a) Tom Goldenberg
- b) Wendy Hamilton
- c) Shafiq Abdussabur
- d) Exploratory - Liam Brennan

B. CPI Changes - Administrator Heimer specifically outlined the CPI changes as follows:

- 1. Minimum matchable contribution lowered from \$10 to \$5
- 2. Maximum allowed contribution raised from \$390 to \$445
- 3. Grant increased from \$20,000 to \$23,000
- 4. Maximum contribution to a campaign from the candidate raised from \$20,000 to \$23,000
- 5. Democracy Fund will match the first \$35 of an individual's aggregate contribution 2-to-1.

The Administrator also clarified that any changes to the Ordinance regarding these numbers would only take effect after the completion of the 2023 election cycle, as candidates have already declared and begun to raise money.

VII. New Business

A. 2022 Annual Report - A draft of the Annual Report was presented to the Board Members and feedback requested. Some numbers were still awaiting the input of the Finance Department.

- 1. Internship - Administrator Heimer added a line item in the budget for a summer intern to assist with research projects and general Fund priorities. This would be a paid position. A description of the position will be sent to board members for their review.

B. LWV would like to help with 2023 Debate - cosponsor and voter registration assistance.

C. Debate Venue - Q House

VIII. Adjournment 7:01pm.