



Town of Portland, Connecticut

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Office of the First Selectman

LEGAL NOTICE of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Portland High School Media Center, 95 High Street, Portland, CT 06480

The electors and those persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town of Portland, Connecticut, are hereby warned and notified that pursuant to Chapter V, Section 503(a) of the Town Charter, a Special Town Meeting will be held on **June 26, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.** in the [Portland High School Media Center, 95 High Street](#), Portland, CT for the following purpose:

ITEM 1. To discuss a Resolution:

- (a) To appropriate \$68,000,000 for costs related to the renovation and expansion of Valley View Elementary School into a pre-K-Grade 5 school;
- (b) To finance said appropriation by issuing bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$68,000,000;
- (c) To authorize the First Selectman, Deputy First Selectman, Director of Finance, or any two of them, to determine the terms, conditions, and other details of the bonds or notes;
- (d) To declare the Town's intent to finance the project so that project costs may be temporarily advanced; to authorize the First Selectman, Deputy First Selectman, Director of Finance, or any two of them, enter into agreements to bind the Town in connection with financing the project; and to determine that, if necessary, financing of the project on a taxable basis is in the public interest; and
- (e) To authorize the First Selectman, Deputy First Selectman, Director of Finance, or any two of them, to apply for and accept or reject grants-in-aid for the project, and to authorize the First Selectman to execute agreements and other documents on behalf of the Town for the project and the financing of the project.

A copy of the complete resolution to be voted on is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website at www.portlandct.org. Dated this 18th day of June 2024.

Attest: _____ Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESOLUTION

Town of Portland, Connecticut

June 18, 2024

RESOLUTION TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND REFERENDUM VOTE

WHEREAS, following a public hearing held on June 18, 2024, the Board of Selectmen has recommended that the Town of Portland (the "Town") appropriate \$68,000,000 for costs related to the renovation and expansion of Valley View Elementary School into a pre-K-Grade 5 school (the "Project") and finance the appropriation by issuing the Town's bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$68,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary after deducting grants to be received for the Project.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached detailed appropriation and bonding resolution for the Project (the "Resolution") is hereby approved and shall be submitted to a Special Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 in accordance with the attached Warning of Special Town Meeting, which is also hereby approved. A copy of the full text of the Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 1204 of the Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen hereby submits the Resolution to a referendum vote on the voting tabulators or the paper ballot for approval or disapproval by the voters of the Town in conjunction with the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.).

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Resolution shall be placed upon the voting tabulators or the paper ballot under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF PORTLAND APPROPRIATE \$68,000,000 FOR THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO A PRE-K-GRADE 5 SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$68,000,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, OR SO MUCH AS MAY BE NECESSARY AFTER DEDUCTING GRANTS TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT?"

YES

NO

Voters approving said Resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing said Resolution will vote "No".

Voters qualified to vote who are not electors shall vote at the Portland Middle School, 93 High Street, Portland, Connecticut in accordance with the procedures contained in Section 9-369d of the Connecticut General Statutes, which procedures the Town hereby chooses to apply. Absentee ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's Office.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise, explanatory text of the Resolution which has been submitted to a referendum vote on the voting tabulators of the Town. Subject to the approval of the Town Attorney, the Board of Selectman authorizes the First Selectman to prepare and print explanatory materials regarding this resolution, such explanatory text and explanatory materials to be prepared in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-369b.



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RETURN OF NOTICE


I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT on June 20, 2024, I left a duplicate of the attached warning and notice of the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Portland, Connecticut with Michael V. Tierney, its Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the RIVEREAST NEWS BULLETIN, a newspaper having a substantial circulation in said town on Friday June 21, 2024.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I caused to be set upon the signpost or other place nearest the office of the Town Clerk and at all other places and signposts designated by the Town a written copy of said warning and notice.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all the above acts were done before the holding of said Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

Dated at Portland, Connecticut this 18th day of June in the year 2024



Ryan J. Curley
First Selectman