



ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE SUPERIOR COURT HOUSING SESSION

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***Please note that this meeting will be at
the Burroughs Community Center in Bridgeport***
Also note the starting time and the date

MEETING NOTICE

1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Burroughs Community Center, 2470 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport
If lost, call 203-334-0293 for directions.

AGENDA

1. Preliminary matters
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Approval of minutes of the September 18, 2013 meeting
2. E-filing report – Houston Putnam Lowry
3. Operational reports
 - a. Prosecutors (Judith Dicine)
 1. Hiring of Hartford-New Britain prosecutor
 2. Anti-blight/"broken windows"/"clean and lien" enforcement and Anti-Blight Task Force (see attachments)
 - b. Clerks
 - c. Housing specialists
4. Advisory Council appointments and structure – should we make recommendations for changes to the new statute? (see attachments)
5. Other business
6. Adjournment

Directions to Burroughs Community Center

From New Haven, take I-95 South.

- * Get off at Exit 25 (Fairfield Avenue).
- * Turn left at the light at the bottom of the ramp.
- * Burroughs is 0.5 miles on the right (2470 Fairfield Ave.)

From Route 8 or Route 25 (Waterbury and points north)

- * Take Route 8 or Route 25 to I-95 South.
- * Follow directions for I-95 South from New Haven.

From Hartford

- * Take either I-84 West/Route 8 South via Waterbury or I-91 South/I-95 South via New Haven.
- * When you get to I-95 by either route, take I-95 South and follow the directions from New Haven.

From Stamford, take I-95 North.

- * Get off at Exit 25 (State Street).
- * Stay to the right side of the exit ramp.
- * Turn left at the stop sign at the bottom of the ramp.
- * Turn right at the first light (McDonald's will be on the right).
- * Burroughs is 0.5 miles on the right (2470 Fairfield Ave.)

**Task Force to Examine Procedural Problems in
Addressing Blight at the Municipal Level**
(“Anti-Blight Task Force”)

pursuant to Public Act 13-132

Website address

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/pd/Blight/taskforce.asp>

Authorizing statute (P.A. 13-132)

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/ACT/pa/pdf/2013PA-00132-R00HB-06235-PA.pdf>

Task Force staffed by:

Planning and Development Committee 860-240-0550

List of members

Name

Position or representative of

Legislative members

Sen. Steven Cassano [D-Manchester]

Task Force Co-chair

Rep. Auden Grogins [D-Bridgeport]

Task Force Co-chair

Sen. Len Fasano [R-Wallingford]

Ranking Senate Republican, Planning and
Development Committee

Rep. William Aman [R-South Windsor]

Ranking House Republican, Planning and
Development Committee

Other members

Richard Baltimore

Attorney, House Democratic leadership

Doug Cutler

Program Director, Putnam (Connecticut) PRIDE

Robert DeCosmo

Connecticut Property Owners Alliance (residential
landlords)

Judith R. Dicine

Supervising State’s Attorney for Housing Matters

Pamela Elkow

Attorney, Robinson & Cole

Richard Gentile

Assistant Corporation Counsel, Town of East
Hartford

Daniel Lauer

City of Waterbury Blight Task Force

Raphael Podolsky

Legal Assistance Resource Center of Connecticut
(residential tenants)

Christopher Rosario

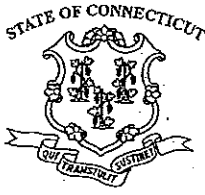
Director of Anti-Blight, City of Bridgeport,

John Simone

Connecticut Main Street

Kevin Solli

Solli Engineering (Monroe, CT)



Substitute House Bill No. 6363

Public Act No. 13-299

AN ACT STREAMLINING STATE GOVERNMENT AND INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Sec. 35. Section 47a-71a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

There is hereby created [a Citizens] an Advisory Council [for Housing Matters] to the Superior Court Housing Session consisting of [thirty-six persons] twelve members. The members of the council shall be appointed [by the Governor for terms ending June 30, 1987, and thereafter the members of the council shall be appointed] by the Governor for terms of four years, from July first of the year of their appointment. The council shall consist of representatives of tenants, landlords, and others concerned with housing and shall reflect a balance of the interests of tenants and landlords. The members of the advisory council shall elect their own chairman. [Nine] Three members shall be residents of the judicial districts of Hartford or New Britain; [nine] three members shall be residents of the judicial districts of New Haven, Waterbury or Ansonia-Milford; [nine] three members shall be residents of the judicial districts of Fairfield or Stamford-Norwalk; and [nine] three members shall be residents of the judicial districts of Danbury, Litchfield, Middlesex, New London, Tolland or Windham. Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from office. Any vacancy in the membership of the advisory council shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term.

Sec. 36. Section 47a-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

The judges hearing housing matters and the [Citizens] Advisory Council to the Superior Court Housing Session shall each make a report with respect to the operation of the special docket for housing matters and their respective recommendations to the General Assembly at the opening of its regular sessions in the odd-numbered years. Such reports may also include recommendations for legislation with respect to housing matters.