

EXPLANATORY TEXT FOR BALLOT QUESTION
MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2008

“Shall the resolution of the Legislative Council adopting the Connecticut City and Town Development Act and authorizing the Town of Hamden to undertake programs and projects authorized under said Act be approved?”

On August 8, 1975 the Connecticut General Assembly passed the City and Town Development Act, Chapter 114, Sec. 7-481, which allows qualifying cities in Connecticut the power to undertake programs and projects that are critical to continuing the process of revitalizing such municipalities. The Act applies to cities where the conditions listed on the attached Resolution exist.

For example:

- existing residential, industrial, commercial, and manufacturing facilities within the city are either obsolete, inefficient or dilapidated or are located without regard to the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development;
- there is shortage of adequate housing;
- underutilized residential, non-residential, commercial, industrial and manufacturing facilities contribute to blight and deterioration within the municipality.

In order to exercise the powers conferred by the Act for the next five years, the Town is required to find that those conditions exist – first, by a resolution of the Legislative Council, and second, by approval of such a resolution by a majority of the electors.

On September 2nd, 2008, the Legislative Council enacted the resolution attached hereto, which finds that the conditions stated in it continue to exist. On September 3rd, 2008 Mayor Henrici approved and signed the Resolution.

The question listed on the ballot, stated above, will determine whether or not the Resolution is approved. By voting “Yes” on the question, you vote to *approve* the Resolution, and the Town would be able to exercise those powers. By voting “No” on the question, you vote *not to approve* the Resolution, and the Town would not be able to exercise those powers.