



Green Party

Waterford, Connecticut

Executive Committee

September 29, 2018

WHEREAS, the Waterford Green Party; according to Article IX, Clause A of the Chapter's Charter; "reserves the right to endorse any candidate of its choosing, regardless of that candidate's official political affiliation;" and

WHEREAS, the Waterford Green Party Charter was accepted by the Connecticut Green Party when the chapter was first instated in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2, Clause A of the Bylaws of the Green Party of Connecticut give Green Town Committees and Chapters sole nomination authority, and Clause B allows for that nomination authority to be granted for candidates to the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Waterford Green Party followed all regulations surrounding its own nominating procedures for the 2018 elections; and

WHEREAS, no registered Green residing in the 38th State House District expressed interest in running for State Representative; and

WHEREAS, Baird Welch-Collins has served both the progressive and the Green movements effectively as a past party member and as a candidate; and

WHEREAS, Baird Welch-Collins continues to adhere to each of the Ten Key Values, as outlined by the Green Party of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Waterford Green Party unanimously voted, with record voter turnout, to endorse Baird Welch-Collins for the position of State Representative in 2018; it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Waterford Green Party condemns the actions taken by the State Central Committee of the Green Party of Connecticut in asking Baird Welch-Collins to remove himself from our party's line on the ballot, as their actions are both in violation of the bylaws and disrespectful of the Value of Decentralization; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Waterford Green Party reaffirms its support for Baird Welch-Collins, and shall take an active role in campaigning in favor of his candidacy.

Joshua Steele Kelly, Chairman
Waterford, CT Green Party