



# THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR HOUSING MATTERS

FOR THE HOUSING SESSION OF THE HARTFORD - NEW BRITAIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Respond to: 111 Oak Street  
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## MINUTES OF MEETING October 21, 1981

Members present: Raphael Podolsky, Susan Harkett-Turley, Edward Murtha,  
Elaine DiNigris

Others present: Robert Kor, Frances Calefiore, Gerry Maine

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. at the Hartford Housing Court, 83 1/2 Lafayette Street, by Chairperson Podolsky.

(1) Judicial selection: Robert Kor gave the report of the Judicial Selection Committee. Judge Satter expects to leave the court in January. The Committee recommended that, prior to initiating any contact with other judges, the Advisory Council try to get Judge Spada to return to the court. It was moved by Ms. DiNigris and seconded by Ms. Harkett-Turley that the Advisory Council ask Judge Spada to return to the court in January. The motion was approved unanimously. If Judge Spada is not interested in returning, the Judicial Selection Committee was authorized to then approach other judges.

(2) Housing court prosecutor: Chairperson Podolsky reported that Mark Brodsky has been temporarily assigned to the housing court by the Judicial Department to replace Raymond Weizalis, who was transferred out of the court at his own request on October 1. The Advisory Council had no advance notice of the transfer. Mr. Podolsky had proposed to Judge Brennan, who is the Administrative Judge for the Judicial District of Hartford-New Britain, that a permanent replacement for the prosecutor be found by advertising for the position; but Judge Brennan has rejected that suggestion.


It was moved by Mr. Murtha and seconded by Ms. Harkett-Turley that the Advisory Council recommends that the Hartford-New Britain housing prosecutor position be filled permanently only by advertising specifically for a person interested in being a housing court prosecutor. In order to avoid the need for additional money, the next available vacancy in a prosecutor position in any geographical area court in the district should be filled by internal transfer and that unfilled position advertised as a housing court vacancy. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Podolsky reported that the New Haven housing court had also had difficulty in finding a prosecutor from among the prosecutors in the New Haven Judicial District. He recommended that the two half-time positions in

Hartford and New Haven be made into a single full-time position. It was moved by Mr. Murtha and seconded by Ms. DiNigris that the Advisory Council recommend that the Judicial Department use existing vacancies to create a single full-time housing court prosecutor position for Hartford and New Haven, provided (a) that the New Haven Housing Court Advisory Council also endorses this recommendation and (b) that the resulting position is specifically advertised as a position for a person interested in being a housing court prosecutor. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gerry Maine (mdw)  
Acting Secretary