

**Print****Town Charter Revision Commission - Town Administration, Staff, Board/Commission Chairs - Submission #369**

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The following questions are optional:

Are you a resident of Bloomfield?

☒ Yes☐ No**Proposed Recommendation to the Town Charter**

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at: [https://library.municode.com/ct/bloomfield/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=CH](https://library.municode.com/ct/bloomfield/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH)

What section number of the Charter does your change affect?\*

Chapter 5, Section 501 d

**Proposed Recommendation \***

Please review Section 501 d requirements regarding Party representation on appointed boards or commissions. My experience has been that the CEEC's scope of work is generally not political; perhaps this requirement should be relaxed for appointed Boards and Commissions versus Elective positions. At a minimum, this section should be clarified so that residents who are "Unaffiliated" with any political party have an explicit opportunity to be appointed and serve.

**Brief description of the issue addressed by the proposed change:\***

Since the Minority Party (at present) has a very limited pool of candidates to recommend for appointment, sometimes individuals who are appointed have limited interest, so don't attend meetings. This has made it difficult in the past to conduct business (and get a quorum).

**Impact of Proposed Change****What benefits will be realized by the citizens and/or government of Bloomfield?\***

Clarifying this section so that "Unaffiliated" residents, in particular, are in the pool of non-majority party candidates would expand the pool of those interested and willing to serve.

**What potential impacts may be associated with the proposal change?\***

Greater participation by residents, appointed boards & commissions at full membership strength, with the potential to get more business done for the Town's benefit.

**Can you provide data to assist in validating the impact of the proposed change?****Describe any obstacles, costs, or cost savings associated with the proposed change, if any?**