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Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center To Make Temporary Façade Adjustments To Comply With Connecticut State Statute Regarding Elections

BLOOMFIELD, CT – As the upcoming November Election approaches, the Town of Bloomfield will be making temporary façade adjustments to the Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center to comply with ***Connecticut State Statute Section 9-236: Activities prohibited in and near polling place; distance markers; entry restricted; exceptions.***

The Alvin and Beatrice Wood Human Services Center, located at 330 Park Ave., serves as an Election Day polling site for Bloomfield Residents in District 1.

The Town is taking these steps due to a presidential candidate being spotlighted on the exterior of the building. Due to this, exterior artwork on the building will be covered on Tuesday, November 5, while the location is in use as a polling site.

“The Town of Bloomfield is extremely proud to celebrate and honor the achievements of Black individuals both locally and nationally,” said Bloomfield Town Manager Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr. “However, ensuring that a polling site is fair means protecting every voter’s right to cast their ballot without interference, intimidation, or bias. Fair elections are the cornerstone of democracy, and a secure, transparent polling environment is essential for maintaining trust in the process.”

Connecticut State Statute Section 9-236 states that, “On the day of any primary, referendum or election, no person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy of another or himself or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted at the election or referendum, or loiter or peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any polling place or in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such outside entrance to such polling place or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach.” This section of the statute was passed through Public Act 78-153 and became effective statewide on January 1, 1979.

About the Town of Bloomfield

Bloomfield is a picturesque Connecticut town, graced with rural beauty, abundant land, quality schools, dynamic commercial building projects, and a highly educated work force. Located just 10 miles west of

the state capital of Hartford, the Town encompasses 26.4 square miles and has a population of 21,000 residents. Visit: www.bloomfieldct.gov