

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Commission Initiated Investigation, Potential East Haven Absentee Ballot Fraud
File No. 2024-171

## NOTICE OF CASE CLOSURE

The Commission initiated this investigation on November 20, 2024 based on new information pertaining to the identity of a potential Respondent who may have been involved with alleged absentee ballot fraud in East Haven. This potential fraud was the subject of an earlier investigation in File No. 2022-048, and the new information came to the Commission's attention after the dismissal of that matter where there was insufficient evidence to identify a potential Respondent. The aforementioned dismissal pertained to potential absentee ballot fraud at the February 2, 2019, November 5, 2019 and November 30, 2019 elections in East Haven, regarding the use of a deceased individual's identity to cast absentee ballots in those elections.

In the course of the investigation into this matter, Commission staff has been informed by the Town Clerk, as keeper of these records, that all records pertaining to absentee ballots prior to 2022 have been destroyed based on its record retention schedule. Therefore, the Commission determines that its ability to futher pursue this matter is precluded by an inability to obtain original records from the February 2, 2019, November 5, 2019 and November 30, 2019 elections in which potential absentee ballot fraud occurred. The Commission therefore deems it appropriate to close this matter.

The Commission therefore administratively closes this matter.

Reflected in the record this 5th day of February, 2025, at Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the State Elections Enforcement Commission

February 5, 2025

(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)