Board requested changes to the New Haven Democracy Fund Ordinance 2022:

| Concern | Solution (ref.) |
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| Narrow language defining legislation | Replaced "mayor" with "citywide office" (Throughout.) <br> Defined "Citywide Office" to explicitly refer to the races the Fund would govern, (Sec. 2-822 (1).) |
| Program only covered Mayor's race | Expanded the definition of Citywide office to include City Clerk (Sec. 2-822 (1).) |
| Outdated Gender language | Changed references to Mayor and "his" committee to gender neutral language; references to Alderman to Alder; Replaced "his or her" with "their" (singular). (Throughout.) |
| Unclear language governing Exploratory <br> Committees <br> (AKA The exploratory committee loophole) | Explicitly include Exploratory Committees as a disallowed source to a qualifying candidate's account. (Sec. 2-825(a).) <br> Limited an individual's contribution to a combined maximum for exploratory and primary phases (Sec 2-822 (8) v.) <br> Candidates who choose to have an exploratory committee first, must zero out the account before accepting public funds. (Sec 2-822 (8) v. and Sec. 824(d) 7.) |
| Needed language governing expected elections that are never held <br> (AKA The early drop out loophole) | Required candidates who drop out to return the Democracy Fund Grant to the Fund and any remaining money in their candidate accounts to contributors or the Fund (Sec. 2-830(d).) |
| Filing timeline out of sync with the State's filing calendar | Corrected dates, allowed for eCRIS filing for all necessary financial filing deadlines (Sec. 2-824(d) 8.) |
| Candidates not able to receive matching funds fast enough during the election | Changed minimum requests from $\$ 3,000.00$ to $\$ 1,000.00$ (Sec. 2-827(8).) <br> Ensured Finance Department and the Board invested funds with liquidity in mind (Sec 2-823.) |
| Minimum contribution amount above state allowed minimum | Reset minimum contribution and matchable contribution to \$5.00 (Sec 2-822 (8) vi.) |
| Confusing monetary amounts throughout document | Reset the matchable contribution and contribution limits to $\$ 35.00$ and $\$ 400.00$ and then tied them to inflation. (Sec 2-827.) <br> Changed in cash contributions to the state's maximum (Sec 2-827 (3).) |
| Candidates able to bankroll their campaign and accept public money | Reset the maximum candidate contribution from $\$ 15,000.00$ to $\$ 1,500.00$ to maintain the spirit of the ordinance.(Sec. 2-826 (3)) |
| Good Governance and Transparency | Expanded language to include more Board oversight (Sec 2-823.) <br> Made non-communication from candidates an indication of nonparticipation (Sec.2-824(e).) |

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