

Mr. Paul Newman
Interim Chair
Parks & Recreation Commission
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06901

Dear Mr. Newman:

This is a request pertaining to the non- use of music in the City of Stamford Parks.

Music has shaped cultures and societies, inspired soldiers at war while passed down from generation to generation. It has the power to alter one's mood, change perceptions and cause change in general. It does calm the soul! Music creates social cohesion, it speaks to all-when words can fail, and dear members wherever you go in the world it is understood as a universal gift with a power to connect people.

For years music has been banned in city parks, no DJs for private events, no amplified music. Guests who use city parks of Stamford should be able to add audio ambience to their events, just as it is offered at the Mill River Park. We believe music should be a part of our lives both indoors and outdoors; pre-recorded and live. It should include all genres. It should be realized under the canopy of compromise.

We ask that you consider initiating a pilot program of setting music free from restraints; while finding a balance for our parks' neighbors. We look forward to partnering with you, our constituents and the municipality departments!

Sincerely,

Rep. Melinda Baxter
Rep. Bonnie Kim Campbell
District 5
Westside
Carwin, Jackie Robinson, Hatchfield & Leone Parks