

TOWN OF SIMSBURY

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT

As Town Manager of the Town of Simsbury, I recognize the need for Affirmative Action and I pledge my commitment to undertake positive actions to overcome any present effects of past practices or barriers to equal employment opportunity and to achieve the full and fair participation of minorities, women, people with disabilities, older persons, and all other protected groups found to be underutilized in the Town of Simsbury's work force or affected by policies having an adverse impact. In the spirit of Executive Order 11, signed by Governor Ella Grasso November 21, 1975, and Executive Order 9, signed by Governor William A. O'Neill on January 3, 1984, I further state that this Town of Simsbury will comply with the anti-discrimination provisions of the state and federal laws and regulations listed at the end of this section.

I recognize the hiring difficulties sometimes experienced by minorities, people with disabilities, and by older persons and, where appropriate, I have set goals to overcome the present effects of past discrimination, if any, to achieve the full and fair utilization of such persons in the work force. I further pledge that the Town of Simsbury will affirmatively provide services and programs in a fair and impartial manner.

Where adverse impact is identified, the Town of Simsbury will: (1) review its personnel policies and procedures to ensure that barriers, which unnecessarily exclude protected classes and practices, which have an illegal discriminatory impact, are identified and eliminated; (2) explore alternative approaches to employ minorities and members of protected classes; (3) administer all terms, conditions, privileges and benefits of the employment process in an equitable manner; and (4) establish procedures for the extra effort that may be necessary to ensure that the recruitment and hiring of protected group members reflect their availability in the job market.

It is the policy of the Town of Simsbury to provide equal employment opportunities without consideration of race, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, national origin, genetic information, mental or physical disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, unless the provisions of Section 46a-60(b), 46a-80(b) and 46a-81(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes are controlling or there is a bona fide occupational qualification excluding persons in one of the above protected groups. This policy applies to all aspects of the employer/employee relationship including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, referrals, classifying, advertising, training, upgrading, promotion, benefits, compensation, discipline, layoff and terminations.

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The Town of Simsbury will implement, monitor and enforce this Affirmative Action Policy Statement in conjunction with the applicable federal and state laws, regulations and executive orders, including: 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments of the United States Constitution, Civil Rights Act of 1866, 1870, 1871, Equal Pay Act of 1963, Title VI and VII of the 1964 United States Civil Rights Act, presidential Executive Orders 11246, amended by 11375, (Nondiscrimination under federal contracts), Act 1 Section 1 and 20 of the Connecticut Constitution, Governor Grasso's Executive Order Number 11, Governor O'Neill Executive Order Number 9, the Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Law (46a-60 et seq.), Discrimination against Criminal Offenders (46a-80), Connecticut General Statutes, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992.

This policy statement will be posted publicly to the Town of Simsbury website and will be posted to departmental bulletin boards for access by all Town of Simsbury employees. I also expect each supplier, union, consultant and other entity (s) with which we do business to comply with all applicable State and Federal equal opportunity laws and regulations. The Town of Simsbury will not knowingly do business with any entity debarred from participation in any federal or state program or found to be in violation of any state or federal anti-discrimination law.

I have assigned the responsibility to achieve the successful implementation of our goals and objectives Melissa A.J. Appleby, Deputy Town Manager, mappleby@simsbury-ct.gov, 860-658-3230.

1/15/2020 Date Maria E. Capitela Maria E. Capriola, Town Manager

THIS STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT OR ON AUDIO TAPE FROM THE ADA-504 COORDINATOR BY CALLING 860-658-3230.