

**TOWN OF GROTON  
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM DECEMBER 11, 2018**

A referendum of the Electors of the Town of Groton, Connecticut are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on approval or disapproval of an ordinance approved by the Town Council on October 23, 2018 and the Representative Town Meeting on November 14, 2018, which question will be place on the ballot under the following heading:

“SHALL THE ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE GROTON 2020 PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS RATHER THAN THE RENOVATION OF SCHOOLS, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 284 APPROVED AT REFERENDUM NOVEMBER 8, 2016 APPROPRIATING \$184,500,000 FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE GROTON 2020 PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION BE APPROVED?”

The vote on the proposed question is taken under the authority of Sections 5.5.2.1 and 9.13 of the Town Charter and Section 9-369a of the Constitution of Connecticut. A vote of “Yes” will be a vote for the approval of the ordinance, and a vote of “NO” will be a vote for the disapproval of the ordinance. The full text of such ordinance with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §9-369b of the General Statutes, is available at the town clerk’s office for public distribution. Absentee Ballots, in accordance with §9-369c of the General Statutes, will be available at the Town Clerk’s office on November 20, 2018.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

<u>Voting District</u>	<u>Location of Polling Place</u>
District 1	Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road Groton
District 2	West Side Middle School, 250 Brandegee Avenue Groton
District 3	Groton City Municipal Building, 295 Meridian Street Groton
District 4	Mary Morrison Elementary School, 154 Tollgate Road Groton
District 5	School Administration Building, 1300 Flanders Road Mystic
District 6	S.B. Butler School, 155 Ocean View Avenue Mystic
District 7	Fitch High School, 101 Groton Long Point Road Groton

Absentee Ballots will be counted at each polling place.

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be open at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Dated at Groton, Connecticut, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2018.

Betsy Moukawsher, Groton Town Clerk

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At the November 8, 2016 referendum, voters approved an ordinance appropriating \$184,500,000 for the design and construction of the Groton 2020 plan, which was a combined project consisting of (a) a new consolidated middle school on the Merritt Property, and (b) the conversion of two existing middle schools – the Cutler Middle School and the Westside Middle School - into “renovated like new” elementary schools, each dedicated to students Pre-K through 5th grade. In connection with the appropriation, the voters authorized the issuance of bonds and notes in the same amount, \$184,500,000.

In order to qualify for school construction grant reimbursements and as required by the State of Connecticut, the Town presented two separate cost comparisons for each elementary school, one for “renovated like new” schools and the other for the construction of new schools on the same sites. The State approved the construction of a new elementary school on each of the existing two sites, rather than “renovated like new” elementary schools.

Approval of this amendment allows the Town to proceed under the State’s approval to construct new elementary schools on each of the two existing sites, and to obtain corresponding grant reimbursement. The proposed amendment does not change the amount of the 2016 appropriation. Rejection of this amendment will keep in place the 2016 ordinance and amount of the appropriation.

Your regular polling locations will be used for this Special Referendum and they will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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If you have questions regarding your voting status, please contact the Registrar of Voters, 2 Fort Hill Road, Groton, 860-441-6650. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk’s office, 45 Fort Hill Road, Groton, 860-441-6640.

# Official Ballot Referendum Groton, Connecticut

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote, fill in the oval  completely next to your choice, like this .

1. "SHALL THE ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE GROTON 2020 PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS RATHER THAN THE RENOVATION OF SCHOOLS, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 284 APPROVED AT REFERENDUM NOVEMBER 8, 2016 APPROPRIATING \$184,500,000 FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE GROTON 2020 PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION BE APPROVED?"

YES

NO

# SAMPLE