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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President
Board of Alders of the City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Walker-Myers:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the attached resolution concerning the acceptance of a \$250,000 grant from the State of Connecticut DEEP Climate Resilience Fund grant program for the development of a Resilience Action Plan for Edgewood Park to mitigate chronic flooding issues in and around the park.

This grant would be used to evaluate current and predicted future climate condition vulnerabilities within the park; analyze ecosystem resilience, including the river channel; assess existing park amenities and infrastructure, such as the outfalls bringing stormwater from the neighborhoods to the West River. This nuanced, science-based understanding of the risks will inform a Resilience Action Plan identifying proactive interventions across the park that will mitigate climate impacts within the Park. The plan will center on a neighborhood-focused approach to analyze current and future climate hazards and vulnerabilities, and deliver a prioritized, community-driven and science-informed roadmap of actionable strategies across infrastructure, social, environmental, and economic/operational resilience categories for the park.

I urge your favorable review and action on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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