

City of New Haven

Office of the Economic Development Administrator 165 Church Street New Haven, Connecticut 06510



Michael Piscitelli, AICP Economic Development Administrator

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

Re: RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$995,000 AND TO PARTNER WITH RIVER FRONT DEVELOPMENT LLC TO SUPPORT THE REMEDIATION OF THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 185, 212 AND 213 FRONT STREET FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MIXED-USE PROJECT

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers:

River Front Development LLC (the "Developer") has proposed to undertake the redevelopment of its properties located at 185, 212 and 213 Front Street (the "Property") for mixed-use residential, commercial and community space (the "Project"). Phase I, II and III environmental site assessments of the Property have indicated both the existence of contaminated materials at the Property and the need to further characterize the site through additional investigation, requiring the demolition and abatement of the three small buildings on the Property, prior to initiation of environmental remediation (the "Remediation). The Developer, through its Licensed Environmental Professional, estimates the cost of the Remediation to be approximately Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$995,000.00).

The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development ("DECD") offers municipalities funding through its Municipal Brownfields Remediation Grant Program to address such purpose. The approval of the Board of Alders to apply for and accept grant funds from this source at DECD will allow the City of New Haven (the "City") to partner with the Developer to perform the necessary Remediation and, in turn, assist in the creation of needed housing and accessible waterfront development.

The City's Economic Development Administration therefore respectfully requests that the City's Board of Alders approve the accompanying resolution authorizing it to apply for and accept such a DECD grant. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please call Helen Rosenberg, Economic Development Officer, at 203-946-5889.

Sincerely.

Michael Piscitelli

Economic Development Administrator

