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The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President
City of 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 JOIN THE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS A MEMBER MUNICIPALITY**

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers:

Enclosed for consideration by the Board of Alders (BOA) is a resolution which, if approved, will enable the City of New Haven (City) to join the new Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority (MRDA) as a Member Municipality.

The MRDA was created by the State of Connecticut to stimulate economic and transit-oriented development, encourage residential housing within development districts, manage facilities and stimulate new investment all to support the creation of vibrant communities. In working with David Kooris, the executive director, it is apparent that joining the MRDA is in the interest of the City, with mutually-aligned priorities focused on affordable housing and inclusive economic growth within the one-half-mile radius of the Union Station and State Street passenger rail stations.

The radius is established by the enabling legislation, which I have included in the supplemental materials. With the City as a Member Municipality, MRDA would be allowed to participate in development projects in the Hill to Downtown, Wooster Square and Long Wharf development areas. At this time, we are hopeful to establish a partnership whereby MRDA may participate in development projects as a financial partner. The enabling legislation allows for a broader partnership which we would consider at a future time provided we prove value to our community and development partners.

Thank you for your timely consideration of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me with further questions or concerns

Sincerely,

Michael Piscitelli, AICP
Economic Development Administrator

Attachments

cc: City of New Haven (Alex Guzhnay, Arlevia Samuel, Carlos Eyzaguirre)
Partners (New Haven Land Bank, Elm City Communities, Economic Devel. Corp. & Center for Inclusive Growth).
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