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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President of the Board of Alders
165 Church Street
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Dear President Walker-Myers,

I am writing to request the Board of Alder's Unanimous Consent (UC) approval of the attached resolution authorizing Mayor Justin Elicker to accept from the State Department of Environmental and Energy Protection (DEEP) a grant in the amount of up to \$70,000. The funds will be used by Co-sponsor Gather New Haven, Inc. for improvements to community gardens they manage pursuant to a lease agreement with the City of New Haven and to nature preserves they own and manage in the City of New Haven. Unanimous Consent approval was previously granted by the Board of Alders at its regular meeting on October 18, 2021, however, for Gather New Haven and DEEP to execute the final grant agreement, an authorization within the last twelve months is required.

These grant funds which come from the State's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. The awarded funds are specifically part of the State Urban Green and Community Grants Program (UGCG-24). Because the State is only authorized to grant these funds to a municipality, the City of New Haven is being asked to enter into an agreement with the State to accept the funds on behalf of Gather New Haven, Inc. Therefore, the Board of Alders is being requested to authorize the Mayor to accept the funds and execute whatever additional paperwork may be required by State of CT, DEEP to implement this pass-through grant for Gather New Haven, Inc and to update its prior approval to be consistent with the 12 month approval timeframe.

I urge your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

Rebecca Bombero
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer