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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,

Yale University is requesting permission to close College Street and High Street between Elm Street and Chapel Street on Sunday, August 23rd, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as well as College Street between Grove Street and Elm Street from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24th, 2026, for Yale University's First Year Arrival Day, Graduate Matriculation Ceremony and Yale College Opening Assembly.

The closures shall accommodate the 1,000 students attending the first ceremony and the 5,000 students and guests attending the second ceremony, so they may enter and exit the space swiftly and safely. Closing of the abovementioned streets would take place before students and guests begin to arrive and occur until students and guests have disbursed.

Additionally, a rolling closure of Elm Street from College Street to York Street from 8:00AM to 12:00PM on both August 23rd, 2026 and August 24th, 2026 will ensure student safety while minimizing impacts on traffic.

The application requires full Board of Alders approval for this closure, and I therefore request your consideration of the request.

Very truly yours,

Rebecca Bombero
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer