



**CITY OF NEW HAVEN  
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President Tyisha Walker-Myers  
and Honorable Members of the Board of Alders  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Walker-Myers,

We respectfully submit the attached Order as a communication to create a working group to discuss youth sports improvements and the potential establishment of a Youth Sports Commission. Youth sports play a vital role in promoting health, academic engagement, mentorship, and a sense of belonging for our young people. At the same time, coaches, leagues, and community partners continue to report barriers such as limited access to gyms and fields, aging facilities, transportation challenges, and a lack of coordinated support. These challenges contribute to many youths feeling disconnected from organized sports at a time when positive, structured activities are especially important.

This workshop will provide an opportunity for City departments, New Haven Public Schools, school coaches, youth leagues, and other relevant officials to jointly examine current conditions, identify key needs, and consider best practices from other municipalities. We are particularly interested in exploring whether a Youth Sports Commission or similar advisory body could help provide ongoing guidance on athletics, facilities, and policy recommendations.

Thank you for considering this communication.

Sincerely,

Hon. Frank R. Redente, Jr.  
Alder, Ward 15

Hon. Caroline Tanbee Smith  
Alder, Ward 9

