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ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS TO READ AND FILE THE
COMMUNICATION TITLED "ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS CALLING
FOR A WORKSHOP REGARDING EQUITABLE CIVIC, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN".

WHEREAS: It would be constructive to hold a workshop before the appropriate aldermanic committee to discuss access to city programs and services, barriers to civic participation, and the need for protections against exploitation experienced by immigrant residents of the City of New Haven; and

WHEREAS: The New Haven Police Department issued General Order 06-02 providing, inter alia, that City police officers may not inquire about immigration status in 2006; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Alders voted to issue the nation's first municipal identification cards to all residents in 2007; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor of the City of New Haven issued "An Executive Order Concerning Undocumented Immigrants" in 2019, stating no city employee can ask about a person's immigration status unless required by law, inter alia, and updated the aforementioned executive order to further strengthen protections in 2020; and

WHEREAS: The City of New Haven defines itself as a "Sanctuary City" and held fast to this status even through threats of loss of federal funding from the Trump administration; and

WHEREAS: The City of New Haven has been home to an Ecuadorian Consulate since 2008 and established a temporary Mexican mobile consulate in 2022; and

WHEREAS: The 2020 census revealed that Hispanics are the City of New Haven's largest ethnic group, representing 30.6 percent of our population; and

WHEREAS: The Connecticut General Assembly expanded HUSKY Health Insurance eligibility for undocumented children 12 years and under and is taking up additional legislation to expand eligibility to age 26; and

WHEREAS: State Representative Juan Candelaria introduced legislation to enable undocumented residents to vote in municipal and state elections; and

WHEREAS: The Elm City ID Card remains available but is no longer linked to other city services or recognized by local establishments; and

WHEREAS: Significant numbers of New Haven residents are Spanish-dominant; and

WHEREAS: There is limited access to Spanish interpretation in public-facing City departments, no

routine Spanish translation of public documents or Spanish interpretation at public meetings, and no Spanish language traffic and parking signage; and

WHEREAS: The decennial City of New Haven Charter Review provides an opportunity to address barriers to civic participation for non-electors that are currently enshrined therein; and

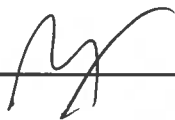
WHEREAS: Immigrant residents routinely face serious health-harming violations of labor and employment laws, as well as an increased risk of being victims of crimes like robbery; and

WHEREAS: It would be valuable to understand how addressing these challenges would advance the Board of Alders' legislative agenda, particularly in the areas of jobs, public health, and public safety.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the New Haven Board of Alders conduct a workshop regarding equitable civic, social, and economic opportunities for immigrant residents in the City of New Haven, and that any records regarding policy, planning, and implementation related to this topic be furnished to the appropriate committee prior to the workshop.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders that the requested workshop being held the communication titled "ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS CALLING FOR A WORKSHOP REGARDING EQUITABLE CIVIC, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN" be and hereby is read, printed, and filed.

This Order was Passed by the Board of Alders on 12/4/2023.

Attest, City Clerk _____


Date 12/4/2023

Signed, City Clerk _____


Date 12/4/2023

Signed, Mayor _____


Date 12/12/2023