

# CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers  
President, Board of Alders  
City of New Haven  
165 Church St  
New Haven, CT 06510

**RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE DISCRETIONARY GRANT FROM US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, PRIMARILY IN NEW HAVEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES.**

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers,

The City of New Haven is requesting authorization to apply for and accept funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant program.

The CFI Program will accelerate an electrified transportation system that is convenient, affordable, reliable, equitable, accessible, and safe. The CFI Program will also help put the U.S. on a path to a nationwide network of at least 500,000 electric vehicle (EV) chargers by 2030. If the City is granted CFI funding, that funding will support the expansion of New Haven's EV charging network, particularly into historically underserved neighborhoods.

This project will install 36 new EV chargers across New Haven, most of which will be direct current fast chargers (Level 3) and located in state-designated environmental justice communities, such as Newhallville, Dixwell, East Rock, Fair Haven, and the Hill. These communities have many properties which lack off street parking spaces where residents could charge at home and do not currently have any EV chargers without parking fees or the obligation to patronize a business, disincentivizing residents from taking advantage of federal tax incentives and state rebates for low-income residents and residents of state-designated environmental justice census tracts. By expanding New Haven's EV charging network into these communities, the City can remove a major barrier to EV sales and the benefits to air quality, personal savings, and the climate that owning an EV brings.

We respectfully request your honorable Board's favorable action on the attached Order authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept funding through the CFI program.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (203) 946-8582.

Respectfully submitted,

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