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

Dear President Walker-Myers:

We are pleased to submit for your consideration for **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** the attached Electronic Voting Equipment Lease Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the City of New Haven. This one-year agreement, if timely approved, would allow the City of New Haven to participate in a pilot program to use new, state-of-the-art tabulators for the upcoming presidential election. The State has purchased a new election system that will replace the current system throughout the state by the summer of 2025. The Secretary of State is allowing nine municipalities in the State to receive an early delivery of the new equipment, including New Haven. New Haven would be the only large municipality to receive the machines for the next election.

In recent elections, the aging tabulators provided by the State have frequently been beset by problems based upon their age and condition, often creating backlogs at the polls and requiring backup tabulators to be rushed to polling locations throughout the day. This agreement would provide one hundred DS300 machines for the upcoming election and replace the machines that are currently in place. These new paper-based tabulators are similar in operation to the current tabulators—like the existing tabulators, they accept paper ballots through a sheet feeder in the front. However, the new tabulators are more efficient, they have enhanced security features and software, and they can accommodate such additional processes as early voting. Each tabulator also has a video screen with instructions and a confirmation message once a ballot has been fed in. Also, like the current machines, these new tabulators and their system are not connected to the internet.

The other municipalities participating in the pilot program include Glastonbury, Hamden, New Britain, Rocky Hill, Southington, South Windsor, Vernon, and Wethersfield.

Presidential elections are our busiest events and having these new machines would significantly improve voters' experience and the Registrars' ability to smoothly and efficiently manage this election. It is an honor to be selected for the early use of these machines. We urge your favorable review on this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

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