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Alder Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, Board of Alders
23rd Ward
Board of Alders
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: Ordinance Amendment to Appropriating Ordinance # 1 of FY 2022-2023
Budget Transfer # 201-23-1

Dear Honorable Alder President Walker-Myers:

I am writing to notify you that funds are needed to supplement a variety of police budget accounts, and respectfully request a transfer within the Police Department's General Fund Operating Budget of \$4,600,000 from various Police Services salary accounts to overtime, travel, training, equipment, repairs and maintenance, uniform, printing & binding, and other contractual services accounts. Please see below for the itemized list of the transfer request.

MUNIS Acct	Division	Description	Transfer Request
12011010-53330	Chiefs Office-Admin	Travel	\$10,000.00
12011010-56677	Chiefs Office-Admin	Training	\$70,000.00
12012050-56694	Detention	Other Contractual	\$5,000.00
12012090-54411	Supply Room	Equipment	\$80,000.00
12012090-55586	Supply Room	Uniform	\$40,000.00
12012090-56615	Supply Room	Printing & Binding	\$30,000.00
12012150-56623	Central Services	Repairs & Maintenance	\$25,000.00
12012150-56694	Central Services	Other Contractual Services	\$40,000.00
Various	Operations/Detention	Overtime	\$4,300,000.00

\$4.3M of the \$4.6M transfer request is for overtime. Since Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 the Police Department has been experiencing a significant staff shortage. During FY 2016-2017 the Department averaged a sworn personnel count of 435. By FY 2019-2020 this number declined to 349, and as of January 31, 2023 the FY 2022-2023 count is 334. Looking at budgeted strength data dating back to FY 1992-1993, the Police Department has averaged 410 sworn personnel over the past 30 years. This staff shortage is the main driver of the Police Department's overtime, followed by incident response and investigation.

The remaining \$300,000 of the transfer request will be split between the Department's travel, training, equipment, repairs and maintenance, uniform, printing & binding, and other contractual services accounts. Additional funding in these budget accounts are needed to comply with the Police Accountability Law including achieving accreditation status, upgrade the Detention Facility, support the Department's recruitment and retention efforts, meet and maintain health and safety standards, support the Department's new technology and tools, and purchase equipment and uniform items necessary for public and officer safety.

We look forward to your support and discussing with you the direction the Police Department is heading to analyze the origin and direction of the funds.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Sean Matteson, Chief of Staff
Michael Gormany, Budget Director & Acting Controller
Regina Rush-Kittle, CAO
Rebecca Bombero, Deputy CAO