



July 18, 2024

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

***Re: Order of the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven authorizing the Public Library to accept an in-kind donation of labor, materials, and supplies from CITYarts in partnership with the Creative Arts Workshop for the creation of a public art peace mural on the front exterior wall of the Fair Haven Library at 182 Grand Avenue***

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker Myers:

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The Public Library has received an offer of a no cost donation for a public art peace mural at the Fair Haven Branch of the New Haven Free Public Library. This project is coordinated by the Creative Arts Workshop in partnership with CITYarts, a New York Based arts organization. This mural will represent the State of Connecticut in CITYarts' 50 States of Peace initiative.

Following 9/11, CITYarts started an international peace walls initiative collaborating with local artists and youth in each US State and now 124 countries, with 7 international peace walls created. We are honored that our library and the City of New Haven could be a part of this global art representation of peace. It is a wonderful opportunity for New Haven youth to learn the process of creative arts learn from professional artists and contribute to the beautification of their neighborhood.

CITYarts will donate the entire project cost and administrative fees in addition to securing donor contributions towards the \$15,000 budget for local art supplies and artists fees. A letter of support has been provided to the library that includes a commitment to cover any necessary repair or maintenance fees to the building or the artwork that may be necessary for project longevity.

Therefore, I write to respectfully request the Honorable Board of Alders to authorize the Public Library to accept a donation of labor, materials, and supplies from Creative Arts Workshop in partnership with CITYarts for the creation of a public art peace wall at the Fair Haven Library as set forth in the proposed Order.

Thank you for consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 203-946-8124.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Bernhey  
City Librarian and Director

c: New Haven Free Public Library Board of Directors  
Eliza Halsey, Community Services Administration