

# 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 OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL NEW HAVEN TERMINALS LLC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF CONNECTICUT PUBLIC ACT 23-202 AND C.G.S. 22a-20a**

Dear President Walker-Myers:

We are pleased to submit the above referenced order for your consideration and action.

The Administration respectfully requests approval of the attached Order authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Community Environmental Benefits Agreement ("CEBA") with Global New Haven Terminals, a subsidiary of Global Partners LP, (hereinafter "Global Partners") in connection with the conversion of Tank 123 at Global Partners' 500 Waterfront St bulk terminal from diesel service to gasoline service. This conversion will result in an increase in volatile organic compound pollution, a key contributor to the smog that harms residents' respiratory and coronary health.

Connecticut Public Act 23-202 established new Environmental Justice requirements applicable to certain permitting activities involving facilities located in Environmental Justice Communities. New Haven is an Environmental Justice Community. As part of the permitting process, applicants are required to develop a Community Environmental Benefits Plan and may satisfy those obligations through a negotiated Community Environmental Benefits Agreement with the host municipality.

The City has completed significant due diligence in arriving at a final CEBA. A team of City representatives from the Office of Climate and Sustainability, the City Plan Department, and the Economic Development Administration reviewed the permit application and associated documentation and hosted a public meeting regarding the application on October 23, 2025. This team included City Plan Executive Director Laura Brown, Planner Kaelie Moran, Office of Sustainability Director Steve Winter and Office of Sustainability Deputy Hannah Zoe Chua-Reyes, who visited the 500 Waterfront St terminal on November 19, 2025. The Mayor appointed Aaron

Goode as community representative in the negotiations over the CEBA on December 9, 2025. The Office of Climate and Sustainability created a model of the public health harms of increased pollution to inform negotiations. Over the past several months, representatives of the City and Global Partners have engaged in negotiations regarding how to mitigate the health and environmental impacts of the Tank 123 conversion project. Those negotiations resulted in the proposed CEBA attached to this Order.


The proposed CEBA provides for the establishment of the Harbor Area Public and Environmental Health Fund, which will support initiatives intended to improve air quality, environmental quality, and public health in neighborhoods surrounding the New Haven Harbor, including the Annex, Fair Haven, Fair Haven Heights, Long Wharf, and Wooster Square and in New Haven more broadly. The Agreement provides for both an initial contribution of \$50,000 and subsequent annual contributions \$40,000 with an inflation adjustment to support these efforts to mitigate impacts to air quality and public health.

In addition to the funding commitments, the Agreement includes provisions regarding emissions monitoring, reporting of corrective actions related to Tank 123, designation of a community liaison, and ongoing communication and engagement with affected neighborhoods and City officials. These commitments supplement, rather than supplant, state and federal regulatory requirements.


Approval of the attached Order will authorize the Mayor to execute the CEBA and implement its provisions on behalf of the City. The Administration believes that the CEBA provides a reasonable framework for mitigating the health and environmental harms of increased pollution from this facility, one of the many facilities contributing to New Haven's severe air quality challenges. Accordingly, the Administration respectfully requests favorable action on the attached Order.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Steven Winter at (475) 331-3769.

Respectfully submitted,

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