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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President of the Board of Alders
165 Church Street
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Dear President Walker-Myers,

Recognizing that juice bars often promote a culture of behavior that leads to increased calls for service and stresses our Public Safety Departments, the Chief Administrator's Office has worked collaboratively with the Police Department, Mayor's Office, Corporation Counsel and Alders to prepare an update to the City's Juice Bar Ordinance.

Public Act 26-100 which updates CGS § 30-22c allows a municipality to ban, cancel and further regulate juice bar activations. Currently, the board has before it for consideration a Zoning Ordinance which closes the door to future establishments having this accessory use to their liquor establishment. This submission updates Section 14-6 of the Code of Ordinances which regulates Juice bars and will prohibit the activation of juice bars by any pre-existing establishments that has not established a long-term reputation of compliance. It also clearly moves the regulation of such events to the Special Event Process as established in Section 17 of the Code of Ordinances. Moreover, the Ordinance updates the fines for such violations to the ordinance to the maximum allowed by state statute.

We respectfully request your support of this ordinance amendment.

Very truly yours,

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