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Ms. Genoveva Hinton, Program Coordinator  
Building Division, Licenses, and Permits  
200 Orange Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Ms. Hinton:

I am writing to express my support for the 9th Annual New Haven Chalk Art Festival, scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, with a rain date of Sunday, October 4, 2026. I respectfully request approval to temporarily close a small section of Elm Street to accommodate this event.

The New Haven Chalk Art Festival, hosted by The Shops at Yale, is a vibrant and well-attended community event that attracts more than 70 professional and amateur artists and draws hundreds of residents and visitors each year. The festival will once again take place in the Broadway District, including Broadway Island, the Broadway Triangle Civil War Memorial area, and a small section of Elm Street between Park Street (in front of Tomatillo Taco Joint, 320 Elm Street) and the stop sign near TYCO Printing (296 Elm Street).

The requested street closure would run from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM to allow for event setup and cleanup. The closure will not impact parking on Park Street or Elm Street beyond the stop sign near TYCO. Additionally, I support using the Broadway Triangle Civil War Memorial area for the event's music setup, as outlined in the submitted materials.

This annual festival is a positive, creative celebration of the arts that strengthens community ties, supports local businesses, and offers free, family-friendly programming, including live music, special shopping offers, complimentary kettle corn, free crafting, chalk art instruction, and face painting.

Thank you for your consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Elias Theodore*

Hon. Elias Theodore  
Alder, Ward 1

