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Honorable Tyisha Walker Myers
President - Board of Alders
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RE: RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW HAVEN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS IN AND AROUND TROWBRIDGE SQUARE

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker Myers:

The City of New Haven has been offered a grant for up to \$150,000 for the construction of improvements in and around Trowbridge Square from the Housing Authority of New Haven (HANH) on behalf of the Early Action Improvements program of the Union Square development, funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

HUD has conceived of the Early Action Improvements program as part of its funding of housing developments to provide quick tangible neighborhood improvements where a larger, longer-term project is planned. The Union Square project is an exciting reimagination of the now-demolished Church St South Development that promises to be a diverse and vibrant community. HANH and the City worked with the Union Square - Early Action committee to develop the scope for Trowbridge Square including rebuilding the park paths, installing a new multi-person swing, installing a historical display about Trowbridge Square, and installing light pole banners.

Various City departments including LCI, Economic Development, City Plan, and Engineering have been working on the larger project to date, and the City is grateful to HANH and HUD for the collaboration and funding of this important neighborhood amenity. Coupled with the in-progress restoration of the Trowbridge Recreation Center, the improved Trowbridge Square will continue to be an important hub in the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 203-946-8105.

Respectfully submitted,

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