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

Re: Request for support for event permits and approval of street closures

Dear President Walker-Myers: April 13, 2026

We write to request Board of Alders support for the issuance of permits for a union-community event planned soon and approval of street closures in connection with this event.

Locals 34 and 35 represent nearly 5500 employees at Yale University. In our current contract talks, our top goals are to secure our jobs and protect our standard of pay and benefits. Our success will benefit New Haven, given that Yale is one of the largest employers in the region and good jobs are a foundation for a strong community. We also stand with many residents and community organizations calling on Yale to increase its commitment of resources to our city.

To further this campaign, we plan a public rally on Thursday, April 23, 2026, starting at 5 pm. This will require a special event permit and the rolling closure of several streets downtown: College Street between Grove Street and Chapel Street, Chapel Street between College and High Streets, High Street between Chapel Street and Elm Street, Elm Street between High Street and College Street and the final rally will take place on College Street right before the intersection of Grove and College. We request College Street between Wall Street and Grove Street be closed that day from 1 to 9 pm to allow for a safe event and time for set up and clean up.

We ask the Board of Alders to support the issuance of the required permits for this event and to approve the necessary street closures on the specified date and time.

We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully yours,

Lisa Stevens, President
UNITE HERE Local 34

Robert Proto, President
UNITE HERE Local 35

Cc. Al Lucas, Director, Office of Legislative Services

ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS SUPPORTING AN EVENT RELATED TO A UNION AND COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN AND APPROVING STREET CLOSURES RELATED TO THAT EVENT

WHEREAS Locals 34 and 35 represent nearly 5500 workers at Yale, one of the largest employers in our region, and good jobs are a foundation for a strong community; and

WHEREAS a fair contract between Locals 34 and 35 and Yale University will benefit New Haven; and

WHEREAS the New Haven Board of Alders has joined with many residents and community organizations calling on Yale to increase its commitment of resources to our city; and

WHEREAS union and community leaders are planning a public rally on Thursday, April 23, 2026, to further the call for Yale to settle fair contracts and to make a greater contribution to the City; and

WHEREAS this event will require a special event permit for the proposed Rally and March and

WHERAS the event will need a rolling closure of College Street between Grove Street and Chapel Street, Chapel Street between College and High Streets, High Street between Chapel Street and Elm Street, Elm Street between High Street and College Street and the final rally will take place on College Street right before the intersection of Grove and College.

WHERAS the event will also need the closure of College Street between Wall Street and Grove Street from 1 to 9 pm to allow for a safe event and time for set up and clean up for the rally and the additional closure of College Street between Wall and Elm from 5pm to 7:30pm to support the safety of the rally;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Haven Board of Alders supports the issuance of permits required for these events and approves the related street closures specified above.