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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers  
President - Board of Alders  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
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**Re: ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO  
APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-SIX MILLION DOLLARS  
AND ZERO CENTS (\$26,000,000.00) FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR THE UNION SQUARE  
PROJECT F/K/A CHURCH STREET SOUTH**

Dear President Walker-Myers:

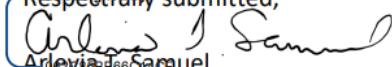
I am pleased to submit for your consideration the attached resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of an implementation grant between the City of New Haven, Elm City Communities and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Choice Neighborhood Implementation grant for Union Square f/k/a Church Street South project. This up to \$26 million grant request aims to assist in the implementation to replace distressed public and assisted housing, improve outcomes for residents, and create conditions for public safety, quality education, and economic opportunity.

The Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) affirms our commitment to collaborate with the designated People Partner to ensure full integration of Housing, People, and Neighborhood strategies in accordance with HUD requirements to implement the Transformation Plan as developed under the earlier Choice Neighborhoods Initiative planning grant.

The City recognizes aging public housing stock, rising construction costs, and increasing demand for safe, quality housing options have created significant challenges for the City of New Haven and Elm City Communities in meeting the needs of residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 946-6437.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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