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The Honorable Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
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Re: RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$975,700 AND TO PARTNER WITH PENNROSE, LLC TO SUPPORT DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT OF THE FORMER STRONG SCHOOL FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Dear Honorable Members:

Pennrose, LLC (the “Developer”) has proposed to undertake the redevelopment of the former Strong School located at 69 Grand Avenue, 19 Clinton Avenue, and an adjacent property on Perkins Street (the “Property”) to accommodate construction of 58 affordable housing units (the “Project”). Although the need for subsurface environmental cleanup at the site is limited, demolition of the addition built in 1996, as well as abatement of hazardous building materials there and at the 40,000-square-foot historic school building (the “Demolition and Abatement”), will need to occur prior to commencement of construction. The Developer, through its Licensed Environment Professional, estimates that the Demolition and Abatement will cost approximately Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$975,700.00).

The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (“DECD”) offers municipalities funding through its Municipal Brownfields Remediation Grant Program to address such purpose. The approval of the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven to apply for and accept grant funds from this source at DECD will allow the City to partner with the Developer to perform the necessary Demolition and Abatement and, in turn, assist in the creation of affordable housing.

The City’s Economic Development Administration therefore respectfully requests that the City’s Board of Alders approve the accompanying resolution authorizing it to apply for and accept such a DECD grant. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please call Helen Rosenberg, Economic Development Officer, at 203-946-5889.

Sincerely,

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