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The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, New Haven Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
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RE: ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS FROM YALE UNIVERSITY IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH A LETTER FROM MAURIE D. MCINNIS, PRESIDENT OF YALE UNIVERSITY

Dear President Walker-Myers,

I write to request your Honorable Board's consideration and approval of the attached order concerning the recently announced new agreement between the City of New Haven (the "City") with Yale University (the "University").

On March 6, 2026, following several months of dialogue, the City and University announced a new 7-year agreement. This agreement includes (1) an increase in Yale's voluntary payments to the city, totaling \$232 million in funds to the City over 7 years, funding that will help the city continue to invest in our residents and improve opportunities for residents; (2) a renewed commitment by the University to partially offset the loss in tax revenues for any properties the University acquires and converts to exempt status; (3) new commitments by the University to explore housing development, additional financial and technical support to community nonprofit organizations; (4) the University working with the City to potentially pedestrianize specific streets in the City.

In a time of widespread uncertainty across the world, this agreement represents the certainty of a desire shared by the City and University to expand partnerships with each other for the benefit of the different communities in New Haven. This agreement accomplishes this by not only expanding funding to the City, but also by nurturing collaborations and knowledge-sharing spaces between the City and University on a variety of different issues.

For years, residents have continued to call on Yale to deepen its commitment to New Haven. The University has demonstrated willingness to continue moving in this direction, and so I wish to thank President McInnis and her team for their partnership and leadership over the course of our discussions as well as Henry Fernandez, who led the City's negotiating team.



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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to continue working with the Board of Alders, our residents and the entire Yale community to put this agreement into practice.

Sincerely,

Justin Elicker
Mayor

attachments

cc New Haven Board of Alders
Maurie McInnis, President of Yale University
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