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

Dear President Walker-Myers:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the attached order authorizing the application for and acceptance of planning support services from the Long Island Sound Resilience Planning Support Program. The goal of this request is to obtain technical support and assistance in a full update to the New Haven Coastal Program, which was adopted in 1983 and last updated in 2006.

The Long Island Sound Resilience Planning Support Program provides municipalities, nonprofits, and community organizations assistance with planning for sustainability and resilience-focused projects that will benefit communities within or partially within the Long Island Sound (LIS) Coastal Boundary, which New Haven lies almost completely within. A full update to the New Haven Coastal Program, which is used by staff, residents, and developers, is the project to be assisted through this program.

The Coastal Program is in need of an overhaul in order to achieve consistency with both the City's recently adopted Plan of Conservation and Development, Vision 2034, and the Connecticut Coastal Management Act and to plan for emerging challenges and opportunities. One of the specific goals named in Vision 2034 is to closely guide land use in the coastal management district, including waterfront development, and one of the associated strategies to achieving this goal (Strategy 6.2) is to update the City's Coastal Program.

Applying for and accepting support from this program would allow City Plan staff to engage a consultant team to assist with updates to the Coastal Plan including but not limited to updating strategies to align with state and federal regulations, conducting technical analysis, and providing assistance with community engagement.

I urge your favorable review and action on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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