

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS authorizing the City of New Haven to apply for and accept planning support services from the Long Island Sound Resilience Planning Support Program to assist with an update to the City of New Haven Coastal Program

Submitted by: Laura Brown, Executive Director, City Plan Department

REPORT: 1680-07
ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND:

This request is for the Long Island Sound Resilience Planning Support Program, which is a program that 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. 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 Coastal Program is in need of an update 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.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Vision 2034, **New Haven's Comprehensive Plan**, includes the following goals and strategies:

Climate and Ecological Connections

Goal 6: Closely guide land use in the coastal management district, including waterfront development

- Strategy 6.2: Update the City's Coastal Program

Authorization and acceptance of the LIS Resilience Planning Support Program would enable New Haven to receive planning support services for an update to the New Haven Coastal Program at no cost to the City. If awarded, the grant is provided in the form of technical assistance and does not involve direct exchange of funds to the City of New Haven. The project is anticipated to begin in Fall 2026 if awarded.

ADVICE

Authorization of this grant agreement aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the State of Connecticut's goals.

ADOPTED: March 18, 2026
Ernest Pagan
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department