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Michael Piscitelli Economic Development Administrator

May 23, 2024

The Honorable Board of Alders City of New Haven 165 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510

Re: Order of the New Haven Board of Alders to enter into a multi-year agreement with Barrett Outdoor Communications, Inc from June 1, 2024 through March 22, 2026 in the amount of \$67,600.00

## Dear Honorable Members:

Respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Board of Alders, attached please find a request for a multi-year agreement with Barrett Outdoor Communications, Inc for \$67,600.00. The agreement between the Livable City Initiative and Barrett is part of the City's ARPA funded market and outreach program. According to Federal guidelines, ARPA funds must be fully obligated by December 31, 2024 or they must be returned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provided the City funding to develop a marketing and outreach program to ensure that the citizens of New Haven are made aware of existing and developing programs. These programs are specifically designed to improve the outcomes for communities and residents adversely affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Barrett Outdoor Communications is the Sole Source Vendor for the digital billboard at 145 Water Street. This billboard is in a prime location as it targets westbound traffic, on Route 34, entering into downtown New Haven.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please call Mark Wilson, Manager, Neighborhood & Commercial Development at 203-946-6428.

Sincerely,

Docusigned by:

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Executive Director, LCI