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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President of the Board of Alders
165 Church Street
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Dear President Walker-Myers,

Yale University is requesting permission to close College Street from Elm Street to Chapel Street, College Street from Grove Street to Elm Street and High Street from Elm Street to Chapel Street on Sunday, May 17, 2026, for Class Exercise Day and on Monday, May 18, 2026, for Yale University's 325th Commencement ceremony.

Additionally, they are requesting permission to close Cedar Street between York Street and Amistad Street, Washington Avenue between Cedar Street and Gold Street and Amistad Street between Cedar Street and Gold Street on Monday, May 18, 2026, for the Yale School of Medicine Commencement ceremony.

Closing of the abovementioned Streets would take place before graduates and guests begin to arrive and occur until graduates and guests have disbursed. This accommodates the high volume of individuals in the area and keeps graduates, guests, and community members safe.

As part of these exercises there will also be intermittent rolling closures of Elm Street and York Street and restricted traffic on Chapel Street (one way westbound only) to help to ensure pedestrian safety.

As the President of the Board of Alders, I solicit you to give full support for the event and its associated street closures. I respectfully request the approval of the associated road closure for this annual event.

Very truly yours,

Rebecca Bombero
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer