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Ms. Genoveva Hinton
Building Division
200 Orange Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Ms. Hinton,

As the Alder for New Haven's 9th Ward, I am writing to express my support for the Mini Thrift 2 Death scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. I request that the closure run from 7:00 am to 6 pm. to allow for set-up and clean-up. As a condition of my support, this event will require the following updates from the previous event that were recommended as feedback by local businesses:

- Closure of State Street and Edward Street
- Additional trash cans will be provided throughout the event area. During the July 8 event logistics meeting, the City indicated it would assist with trash cleanup, and Marjolaine has also offered to provide a dumpster. Additional trash receptacles will be placed along both sides of the street.
- The event layout has been expanded up Edwards Street, creating additional space for attendees and participating businesses. Businesses along the route will have the opportunity to utilize the space directly in front of their storefronts if they wish to set up outdoors.
- Local businesses are encouraged to share any promotions or special offers they plan to run during the event, and the event person will advertise on their behalf.
- Signs will be installed to reserve and close designated parking areas. The event holder (Eirees) will purchase the signage through the City's Traffic & Parking Department, as discussed during the event logistics meeting.
- No Bathroom signage will be distributed to businesses in the area approximately one week before the event to help direct attendees to available facilities.
- No clothing piles will be offered during this event.
- Eirees will provide her number to all businesses along the event route so they can reach her directly during the event should any questions, concerns, or emergencies arise.

I believe this is a worthwhile occasion and urge you to grant all necessary permits so that this event may occur as planned. In particular, I appreciate the collaboration with neighboring businesses who requested updates to improve the event. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hon. Caroline Tanbee Smith
Alder, Ward 9

