

May 9, 2024

The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers President, Board of Alders City of New Haven 165 Church Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor New Haven, CT 06510

## RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN IMPLEMENTING OVERHEAD CANOPY LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS ON ORANGE STREET BETWEEN CENTER STREET AND CROWN STREET

Dear Alder Walker-Myers,

I am pleased to submit, for the Honorable Board's review, the attached proposal for an "Orange Street Lighting Project" and other documents, which represent a proposed installation of overhead canopy lights installed on Orange Street, from Center Street to Crown Street, in Downtown New Haven. I respectfully request that the Honorable Board of Alders of the City of New Haven accept this submission for its consideration.

Town Green Special Services District, in partnership with Beacon Properties LLC ("Beacon"), proposes a conceptual improvement of the street lighting on Orange Street between Center Street and Crown Street, through the implementation of overhead canopy lighting.

There are many community benefits to this proposal. It:

- Helps to improve the visual appeal of this important urban zone through ambiance lighting.
- Improves the walkability factor and pedestrian appeal of the Ninth Square.
- Illuminates businesses and storefronts after hours, as well as visually unifies this section of Orange Street after dark.
- Creates additional lighting for the more than 20 events that Ninth Square hosts a year.
- Solidifies the Ninth Square as its own neighborhood with unique identity.

This project will be installed by a third-party contractor, E. J. Davis Aesthetics LLC, utilizing a lift and appropriate hardware to anchor into sixteen (16) points, approximately twenty-two feet (22') above the street into the brick walls, crisscrossing across Orange Street. Stainless steel wire will be attached to these anchors in order to provide the structure of the lighting project. Light strings will then be attached to the stainless-steel wire. These light strings will be electrified by Beacon and will be on a timer set by Beacon.



Town Green Special Services District proposes to install this project when the street is closed down for the Orange Street Promenade, so as to not impact traffic patterns. In addition, Town Green Special Services District proposes to bear the entire cost of this project, with no financial obligation or impact to the City of New Haven.

I look forward to working with you and the rest of your colleagues on the Board of Alders on this request. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Win Davis

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Attachment: "Orange St Lighting Project Installation Plan"

cc: Barbara Montalvo, Mayor's Office

Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator

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