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CITY OF NEW HAVEN
JUSTIN M. ELICKER
MAYOR

October 8, 2022

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

RE: Acceptance of the Wooster Square Monument

Dear President Walker-Myers:

On behalf of the Cultural Affairs Commission, it is my privilege to present the Wooster Square Monument project with the unanimous support of our members. The Monument, titled "Indicando la via al futuro" or "Pointing the way to the future", represents a depiction of the immigrant experience in New Haven and exudes the diversity of our community in a spirit of inclusion.

The design review process was led by Bill Iovanne and the late Laura Luzzi, who served as co-chairs of the Wooster Square Monument Committee ("WSMC") along with a diverse committee of Wooster Square residents, business owners, society members and public officials. By way of background, the WSMC was formed by Mayor Justin Elicker on June 29, 2020 to formally decide how to appropriately honor the contributions to Italian-Americans in New Haven. The WSMC carried out its work through a collaborative process, convening numerous public meetings with broad representation from residents in the area and the general public and the outcome is excellent.

In furtherance of the Commission's role as set forth in Section 2-672 of the Code of General Ordinances and in light of the Monument's proposed location within the Wooster Square Local Historic District, I attach a copy of the Certificate of Appropriateness and the design plans as approved by the Historic District Commission. Wooster Square is a City Park falling under the jurisdiction of the New Haven Parks Commission. Formal approval from the Board of Parks Commissioners is anticipated at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

As always, our members will be available to present and discuss the monument at your convenience. We look forward to gaining your approval and know that this monument will serve to reflect our values and hope for the future.

Best regards,

Cultural Affairs Commission

Attachments: Order
Supporting Documentation

cc: Justin Elicker, Mayor
Members of the Wooster Square Monument Committee
Alders Ellen Cupo, Anna Festa and Rose Santana (Committee Members)
Adriane Jefferson, Executive Director
Michael Piscitelli, Economic Development Administrator
Trina Learned, Chair, Historic District Commission
David Belowsky, President, Board of Parks Commission
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