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Ms. Tyisha Walker-Myers
President
The Honorable Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Re: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR AND ACDPTANCE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 TO SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTIES IN THE RIVER STREET MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN AREA

Dear President Walker-Myers

The River Street Municipal Development Project Plan (MDP), adopted by the Board of Aldermen in 2002, seeks to revitalize the River Street area through environmental cleanup and redevelopment of properties in the MDP area.

The City has acquired 24 acres in the MDP since its establishment, 13 of which have been cleaned up, 4 of which were clean when acquired, and the remaining 7 have not been remediated. We are likewise seeing good progress on redevelopment as evidenced by Patriot Marine, Capasso Restoration, Art-to-Frames, Fair Haven Furniture, and other major investments in this industrial district.

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EPA) is making available grant funds of up to \$200,000.00 to conduct environmental assessments. These funds could be used to complete environmental characterization at the City-owned properties located at 142 River Street and 112 Chapel Street and at the properties at 69 Poplar and 53 River Streets which are designated in the MDP Plan for City acquisition. Your approval to apply for and accept such a grant from EPA will allow the City to more effectively market these properties for productive reuse.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions please call Helen Rosenberg, Economic Development Officer, at 203-946-5889.

Sincerely,

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Acting Economic Development Administrator



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