



**CITY OF NEW HAVEN
BOARD OF ALDERS**

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August 27, 2019

Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, New Haven Board of Alders

Dear President Walker-Myers,

We would like to respectfully submit to the Board of Alders as a Communication, the attached Order calling for a public hearing so that appropriate City officials can discuss the 5-year Financial Plan recently released by the administration.

Earlier this month, Mayor Harp released her administration's 5-year Financial Plan, which it had been working on since last summer. The report includes 39 initiatives that it says either could save the city money or bring in more revenue over the next five years. The plan also describes significant projected spending increases over the next five years, including a projected 22.8% increase for salaries, making it especially important that the City undertake effective initiatives to cut costs or increase revenue streams. The 5-year Financial Plan specifically states that "projected increases from the key expenditures drivers will outpace the anticipated growth key revenue drivers, producing potential budget gaps over the next 5 years", underscoring the importance of finding new cost savings or sources of revenue.

We request that an Alder hearing be held so that the administration can provide more information about the report, including answering questions about the underlying assumptions and the various proposed initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING SO THAT APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS CAN DISCUSS THE 5-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN RECENTLY RELEASED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

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WHEREAS: Earlier this month, Mayor Harp released her administration's 5-year Financial Plan, which it had been working on since last summer; and

WHEREAS: the report includes 39 initiatives that it says either could save the City money or bring in more revenue over the next five-years; and

WHEREAS: however, the plan also describes significant projected spending increases over the next five years, including a projected 22.8% increase for salaries, making it especially important that the City undertake effective initiatives to cut costs or increase revenue streams; and

WHEREAS: notably, the 5-year Financial Plan specifically states that "projected increases from the key expenditures drivers will outpace the anticipated growth key revenue drivers, producing potential budget gaps over the next 5 years", underscoring the importance of finding new cost savings or sources of revenue; and

WHEREAS: we therefore believe it would be very valuable to hold a public hearing so that the administration can provide more information about this important report, including answering questions about the underlying assumptions and the various proposed initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the New Haven Board of Alders conduct a public hearing so that appropriate City officials can discuss and more fully explain details in the important 5-year Financial Plan recently released by the administration.