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December 8, 2019

Rosa Ferraro Santana, Chair  
& Members, Legislation Committee  
Board of Alders  
City of New Haven

Re: ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT AND ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENT TO  
CREATE NEW COMMERCIAL GATEWAY CORRIDORS DISTRICT.

Dear Chair Santana and Legislation Committee Members,

As Alder for the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward, I respectfully request that the Legislation Committee temporarily exclude the Grand Avenue Commercial Development Corridor from the above mentioned zoning proposal that will be heard at the Legislation Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6 p.m. This request is not intended to hold up forward motion on the Whalley Avenue Corridor.

The neighborhood clearly understands the need for new zoning in this two and a half block corridor. These constituents state that the unique and historical nature of Grand Avenue coupled with its smaller scale, small lot sizes, and direct abutment to the dense residential neighborhood enveloping Grand Avenue create unresolved problems. The conditions on Grand Avenue are different and unrelated to those on Whalley Avenue.

These neighbors do not feel they had adequate input to the revisions of this plan and would be grateful to be awarded the opportunity to work with City Plan and resolve these outstanding issues. These residents have assured me that they will work efficiently and quickly with City Plan so as not to delay the implementation of the rezoning of this corridor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

BRENDA HARRIS  
Alder, 8<sup>th</sup> Ward

cc: Stacey Davis, City Plan Department