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

*RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT (UCONN) AS A SUBRECIPIENT TO A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FUND AND SIGN ANY ASSOCIATED STATE AGREEMENTS WITH CONTRACTORS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY, INCLUDING ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS, FOR SHORELINE PROTECTION, HABITAT RESTORATION, AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES*

Dear President Walker-Myers:

The proposed action before you authorizes the Mayor to accept funding from the University of Connecticut (UCONN) as a subrecipient under UCONN's grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Fund (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF) for shoreline protection, habitat protection, and associated activities in Ft. Hale Park.

The Board of Alders previously approved a grant from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) to construct two living shorelines in Long Wharf Park and East Shore Park. This opportunity would extend the improvements to Ft Hale Park, where there is poor tidal flushing of the existing wetlands/moat, and also erosion concerns on the harbor side of the Fort. The grant would provide \$1.2M to the City as a subrecipient to construct improvements in the Park, and an additional \$1.1M would go to UCONN for scientific monitoring of the East Shore and Ft. Hale Park installations. As the project will monitor the East Shore Park living shoreline installation as well, \$2.3M of the construction cost for that project would be considered match for the NFWF grant.

This grant will not require any direct contribution of City funds. All matching funds are from the existing grant from the State of Connecticut for the construction of the living shorelines at Long Wharf Park and East Shore Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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enclosure: BOA submission package