

CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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Honorable Tyisha Walker President - Board of Aldermen 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 CITY OF NEW HAVEN, TO CONVEY THOSE PROPERTIES KNOWN AS 29 KENSINGTON STREET, 17 KENSINGTON STREET, 21 KENSINGTON STREET, 33 KENSINGTON STREET AND 25 KENSINGTON STREET TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO COMPLETE SUCH CONVEYANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER AND APPROVING THE SUBSTITUTION OF PARK PROPERTIES

Dear Honorable Tyisha Walker:

The City of New Haven has the opportunity to implement a plan to further affordable housing in the Dwight neighborhood, and obtain improvements for an existing visible and accessible park for the community. As a part of the land swap, the city will provide amenitities that will impact the Newhallville neighborhood. The City is proposing a new state of the art park with amenities fully funded and in construction as a part of its Thompson/Winchester Homeownership Project.

The City is seeking approval from the Parks Commission on the land swap for 29 Kensington Street which is under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department. The City expects a favorable approval at its July 15th meeting.

Therefore, I write to respectfully request the Honorable Board of Alders to authorize the Mayor to convey and substitute park properties, as set forth in the proposed Order.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 946-6437.

Respectfully submitted,

Serena Neal-Sanjurjo Executive Director