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The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, New Haven Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
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**Re: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN
APPROVING THE DISPOSAL OF A PARCEL OF LAND CONSTITUTING A
PORTION OF 200 DERBY AVENUE IN THE FORM OF A DEFINED TRAFFIC
EASEMENT TO STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers:

The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation ("CT DOT") is currently acquiring property for the Project known as US Route 1 (Orange Avenue) and US Route 1 (Columbus Avenue) at Route 10 (Ella T. Grasso Boulevard) and Davenport Avenue (the "Project"). Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute(s) and as required for the Project, the Commissioner of Transportation finds it necessary to acquire from the City of New Haven (the "City") a portion of 200 Derby Avenue measuring approximately 381 square feet (the "City Property").

CT DOT's offer of compensation to the City in exchange for the City Property is \$1,500. This offer is based upon the Estimate of Compensation for this parcel as prepared by CT DOT's Division of Rights of Way. Please see the map dated November 2020 detailing the proposed acquisition attached to the submission.

The acquisition of the City Property enables CT DOT to install and maintain traffic signalization and appurtenances at this intersection including proposed pedestrian ramps and pedestrian push buttons and signals where none currently exist. In the last year alone, four of the twenty pedestrian fatalities involving motor vehicles statewide have occurred at or within a quarter mile of this intersection thereby underscoring the importance of the installation of pedestrian safety improvements as quickly as possible at this location.

It is also worth noting that several of the Alders whose constituents are regular affected by current conditions at this intersection have been working with the City and State of Connecticut to ensure pedestrian safety is enhanced along this section of Ella T. Grasso Boulevard in general.

Finally, as this City Property is part of the current West River Memorial Park footprint, I respectfully request the item be referred to both the Parks Commission and City Plan Department before going before the full Board of Alders for final approval.

Thank you for your timely consideration of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me with further questions or concerns

Sincerely,



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