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

Re: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AND 44 OLIVE STREET GROUND OWNER LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN LANDSCAPING, LIGHTING, BENCHES, AND DECORATIVE CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS ON LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN WHICH BORDERS UNION STREET FOR THE OLIVE & WOOSTER PROJECT

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers:

I am submitting for the Board of Alders' consideration an Easement Agreement between the City of New Haven and the Developer, 44 Olive Street Ground Owner LLC., of property known as 44 Olive Street. 44 Olive Street is bounded by Olive Street, Fair Street and Union Street in the Wooster Square neighborhood.

As part of a prior urban renewal plan, there are some very wide sidewalks in excess of 42 feet, particularly along Union Street. As part of the new mixed-use development now under construction, the Developer plans to build and maintain certain streetscape improvements on City land that is located between the western boundary of the Developer's property and Union Street (see map attached as Exhibit A to the proposed Easement Agreement). The proposed streetscape improvements include decorative scored pavement with squares and gray colored bands that will be located between the Union Street curb and the Olive & Wooster. The streetscape improvements also include eight (8) raised planters in this pavement, which will vary in size and shape and will house shade trees and ornamental grasses, and seven (7) wooden backless benches that range in length from 10' to 15'. These streetscape improvements, which have been approved by the City Plan Commission, will provide an amenity to the neighborhood and enhance the view along Union Street. Because the streetscape improvements are not City standard improvements, the City Plan Commission has required the Developer to maintain the improvements and obtain an easement from the City to do so.

Accordingly, we request that the Board of Alders approve the Easement Agreement which is attached to the Proposed Order.



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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-410-7073 or email me at MPiscite@newhavenct.gov.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Taijah Anderson, Legislative Liaison
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