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Tyisha Walker, President
Board of Alders
City of New Haven
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Dear Tyisha,

I am writing to request the Board of Alder's Unanimous Consent (UC) approval of the attached resolution authorizing Mayor Justin Elicker to accept from the State Department of Environmental and Energy Protection (DEEP) a grant in the amount of \$70,000 should it be awarded. The funds will to be used by Co-sponsor Gather New Haven, Inc. for improvements to community gardens they manage pursuant to a lease agreement with the City of New Haven and to nature preserves they own and manage in the City of New Haven. UC approval at the Board of Alders' October 14, 2021 meeting is requested in the interest of expediting approval in advance of submission of the grant application to DEEP October 31, 2021.

Gather New Haven, Inc. is making application for these funds which come from the State's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. The awarded funds are specifically part of the State Urban Green and Community Grants Program (UGCG-24).

Because the State is only authorized to grant these funds to a municipality, the City of New Haven is being asked to enter into an agreement with the State to accept the funds on behalf of Gather New Haven, Inc. Therefore, the Board of Alders is being requested to authorize the Mayor to accept the funds and execute whatever additional paperwork may be required by State of CT, DEEP to implement this pass-through grant for Gather New Haven, Inc.

I urge your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

Rebecca Bombero
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