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Monday, May 4, 2009

7:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

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The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, duly warned, was held on May 4, 2009 in the Bart Guida Aldermanic Chambers of the Biagio DiLieto Government Center, 165 Church Street.

City Clerk Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

The members present were Alderpersons Calder, James-Evans, Jackson-Brooks, Perez, Colon, Clark, Smart, Lemar, Brison, Antunes, Rhodeen, Sturgis-Pascale, J. Rodriguez, Castro, Paolillo, DePino, Blango, Jones, Morehead, McCormack, Silverman, S. Rodriguez, Lehtonen, Sandman, Goldfield and Edmonds-Sepulveda - 26.

**DIVINE GUIDANCE**

Divine Guidance was invoked by Alderwoman McCormack: "Let us stand today for whatever is pure, true, just and good for the advancement of science and education and true learning; for the redemption of daily business from the blight of self-seeking; for the rights of the weak and the oppressed; for the hope of better days to come. Let us put right before interest; let us put others before self; and let us put principle above reputation. Amen."

**COMMITTEE OF ESCORT.**

President Goldfield: "I'm going to ask Alderman Paolillo, Alderwoman Jackson-Brooks, Alderwoman McCormack, Alderwoman Clark, and Alderman Perez to act as a Committee of Escort for our colleague, Alderwoman Castro."

**Black and Hispanic Caucus State of the City Address**

Alderwoman Castro: "Before we begin, I wanted to personally give thanks to my Lord who has given me the strength to carry on this big task. I give Him the honor and all the glory. I thank Him because he created me and He's given me the opportunity to serve.

**1. Introduction**

Mr. President, Mr. City Town Clerk, colleagues and guests, good evening and welcome to the Black and Hispanic Caucus Minority State of the City Address. It is an honor and heavy responsibility to present this address tonight.

These are difficult economic times. Our city is making many positive

initiatives. Tonight we will look at the conditions in our neighborhoods so that we can pull together even more with solutions that will make our city stronger.

If I would dare to ask my 29 colleagues, how many Latinos and African Americans live in your ward? How many aldermen represent at least one hundred Black and Hispanic families? Please raise your hand. How many aldermen represent two hundred or more Black and Hispanic families in your ward? Please raise your hand. As we can see, we are all in this together.

I would like to recognize and acknowledge the Black and Hispanic Caucus for the tremendous task of representing the needs of Black and Hispanic families, who face the greatest disparities in every aspect of life. The need of Black and Hispanic families and the solutions to these needs are the needs and solutions for all families. Now, would the Black and Hispanic Caucus and all those who represent Black and Hispanic families in their ward please stand? To live, to see, to know and search for solutions to improve the quality of life is what we are all about. A hand of applause to everybody.

I would like to acknowledge members of the caucus, family, guests, different community groups who have contributed, including Michael Abeshouse, Adriana Arreola, Paul Bass, Dr. Abi Benitez, Gladys Bonomi, William Clark, C. J. Cuticello, Che Dawson, Merle Eaton, Joelle Fishman, Rev. Bonita Grubbs, Eva Heintzelman, Andrea Jackson-Brooks, Adam Joseph, Albert Lucas, Ron Manning, Deborah Marcuse, Kica Matos, Jorge Perez, Frances Padilla, Art Perlo, Mary Rosario, Viviana Santana, Debra Sullo and Alec Vincitorio. We say thank you.

You could walk to the Hill neighborhood, Fair Haven, Newhallville, Dixwell, any part of the City of New Haven, and there is the same conversation. I can't find a job; the rents are high; I'm losing my house; I can't afford the taxes; I'm so tired; I'm working two and three jobs; I don't have time for me. The conversations people are having are echoed into all our neighborhoods. People are desperate and struggling with what bills to pay first from one pay check to the other. They are looking for answers.

When people are feeling despair, that there is no hope and they don't see a way out, then our nation, our state and our city - everyone needs to be searching beyond our imagination, out of the box, and finding defining solutions that are meaningful to stabilizing our communities and bringing back hope. It's a moral responsibility that we all have to uplift each other. There is a saying that when everything goes wrong the only thing you must not lose is hope. When you lose hope where is the meaning for you to live? It's like you're walking without purpose inside a tunnel where there is no light.

As you will see in the facts to follow, even with the stimulus package from President Obama there is a long way to go to solve this huge problem. The state is also in a budget crisis. Cuts on many important and needed programs that will hurt the most vulnerable are being debated. I invite you on a journey into our neighborhoods. Take a look at this closely and imagine the solutions that we can accomplish together.

## 2. Poverty and Unemployment

Poverty is the largest driving force behind the cradle to prison pipeline crisis.

Although a majority of poor children live in working families playing by the rules, their parents cannot earn enough to escape from poverty. (Children's Defense Fund)

In New Haven, 20% of African American families, 35% of Hispanic families, and 9% of white, non-Hispanic families lived in poverty between 2005 and 2007. The situation is much worse now. Poverty affects all of us. If you are not in poverty today, you could be tomorrow. As long as our whole community is not rising together, we cannot be successful.

Good living wage jobs with good benefits including health care and the right to organize are the key to coming out of the economic crisis. From March 2008 to March 2009, overall unemployment in New Haven increased by one-third.

Even those figures understate the problem because discouraged workers and first time job seekers are not included in the unemployment rate. Based on current economic conditions it is reasonable to assume the situation is more serious now. It is not an exaggeration to say that by the end of this year, 10,000 jobs will be needed to employ everyone who needs and wants one, and real unemployment in New Haven could approach 20%.

Unemployment in New Haven is already at 22% for African Americans, 17% for Latinos, and probably above 50% for teenagers (age 16-19). I hope you agree with me that these figures are too high.

### 3. Prisons / Re-entry

The Children's Defense Fund states that 'a jail or detention cell after a child gets in trouble is the only universally guaranteed child policy in America.' It's time to guarantee every child in the richest nation on earth the health and mental health, early childhood experience, quality education, safe and stable housing and safe neighborhoods, and quality out-of-school time care they need to stay out of trouble and avoid imprisonment.

Every week about 25 people are released from prison to live in New Haven. There are now 2,253 New Haven residents incarcerated. The disparities are stark - 60% of those in the prison system are from four neighborhoods: the Hill, Fair Haven, Newhallville and Edgewood/West River. If the \$77 million spent to incarcerate New Haven residents was spent on early childhood education, after school programs, and opportunities for higher education, we would have different outcomes. Young people need to have the sense of a positive future they can attain in order to strive for it.

### 4. Housing and Homelessness

#### HOMELESSNESS

The need for housing and services for people who are homeless in the City of New Haven is on the rise, due in large part to the worsening economy and the loss of jobs in the region. New Haven's family shelters report an increase in requests by over 50% in the past six months. The shelters serving single adults are also facing increases and limited capacity. On the worst nights of this year's winter, there were as many as 125 men seeking shelter.

The Point in Time Homeless Count of January 2008 showed 816 people homeless on that given night. Of that number, 254 were people in families including children. These alarming numbers don't really represent all those who are homeless due to foreclosure, being evicted, and overcrowding. Due to the current foreclosure crisis we are faced with a state of emergency and need to prioritize homelessness. This is a real life-threatening issue to the stability of any family. The federal, state, city government, regional non-profits, universities, businesses, churches - everyone has a moral obligation to assure that this has to be stopped and doesn't continue. We have to by every means, organizing, fund raising, in response to immediate and chronic homelessness. People should be able to afford a place to live and have a place to live. Everyone is entitled to have a roof over their head, a place to call their home.

#### **FORECLOSURES**

The number of people impacted far exceeds the number of foreclosures. Many foreclosed properties are multi-family and often the tenants are evicted, usually with virtually no notice.

Beyond the hundreds of families directly affected, thousands have been impacted from the blight, crime and depressed property values arising from abandoned houses and from having evicted owners and tenants double up with already-crowded relatives and friends. The city faces increased police, sanitation, and social service costs and decreased property tax revenue.

If we look at the numbers from 2006 to 2008 we see the escalation. In my first term as Alderwoman reviewing the 2004-2005 city budgets, we foresaw an exodus of poor people of color from our city. In 2006 overall in New Haven there were 55 foreclosures. As of 2007 there were 167 foreclosures. In 2008 there were 406 total, according to the data from ROOF project, with the breakdown West River 14, Hill 76, Fair Haven 78 and Newhallville 49.

As of 2009 the same pattern continues and the most affected areas are Quinnipiac Meadows, Newhallville, the Hill neighborhood, Fair Haven and Dixwell. The Board of Aldermen should be commended for passing the anti-blight ordinance that just took effect that requires bank-owned properties to register with the city and post the name of a local contractor who is responsible for maintaining the property. However, passing the law is not enough. We have to make sure we achieve full compliance. The action plan allocates its very limited funds to allow acquisition of about 25 properties. The plan is to target 'tipping point' neighborhoods.

#### **5. Education and Youth**

The Black and Hispanic Caucus State of the City Address two years ago raised the awareness by addressing the issue of closing the education achievement gap in our city. According to the Department of Education the city-wide dropout rate is 18%. The numbers of African-American and Latino students who drop out must be fully researched. These numbers are alarming.

Using as an indicator the statistics on suspensions which have been made available, we can see that all of the most distressed cities have high suspension rates and these children are disproportionately African-American and Latino. While a complete breakdown is not available, state-wide numbers show that

Puerto Ricans have a 54% graduation rate and a 46% drop-out rate.

Parent involvement is a must. From the early grades through college years in order for our families to have a really solid foundation we must provide opportunities for parents to engage in the school, in the community, and in government. In order to nourish, engage and support parents we have to get rid of the obstacles that prevent them from being there - for example daycare, food for events, transportation, translations. Then we can assess the family's basic needs of housing, health care, employment, child care and education. I would like to recognize some of those parents that are working in the different fields.

The Columbus Family Academy Parent Teacher Organization has become a place to gather, learn and promote change among students, parents and staff. Meetings, trips and other activities allow for parents to attend with their children and take into consideration that parents are the first teachers and our partners in educating our students.

Fair Haven Middle School PTO has created a tag sale room with such items as clothes, diapers and books available to parents on report card night, and bi-lingual weekly information to enable Spanish-speaking parents to help their children with homework, reducing the rate of suspensions to a handful.

Mothers for Justice, a group of women dedicated since 1993 to empower, educate and organize low-income women and their families, increases awareness of social issues through action and advocacy and improves quality of life for the community as a whole.

New Haven Parent Leadership Institute, a project of Christian Community Action, trains parents to become child advocates in the community beginning with a retreat and continuing for 20 weeks - including a Children's Leadership Institute for the children of the parents in the program.

Pequenas Ligas Hispanas is a youth and family center without walls, of over 1,500 students and parents since 1991 offering instruction in 25 sports, dance, musical instruments, writing, film making, visual arts, comprehensive pathways to college, cultural and social leadership development.

Teach Our Children, a bilingual, multicultural, parent-led organization formed in 2005 with 400 parent members has fought for equal access to the school system for Spanish-speaking parents, access to Board of Education meetings, homework for suspended students, fair discipline and recess, and they held a long list of meetings and parent groups in 2008-2009 across the city in our New Haven public schools. From August 2008 to May 2009 there were 497 meetings held for parent involvement city-wide.

We are highlighting the process they use to engage parents. We should support efforts like this that will give the environment of learning, understanding and planning for a successful future. We should embrace, engage and, foremost, look at this closely and listen to what they are saying.

#### 6. Solutions and Recommendations

This address suggests priorities for what we as a city can do with the

resources we have. As we take a look closely, we see that the city alone cannot provide all the solutions. To achieve our priorities we must also address what we as a city can do to work in partnership with state and federal government.

#### **POVERTY AND EMPLOYMENT**

Positive Initiatives the City has taken include:

Federal Recovery Act stimulus funds already applied for will provide construction jobs, youth summer jobs and provide jobs or prevent layoffs in the school system. Construction Workforce Initiative has trained nearly 1,000 New Haven residents.

Suggestions:

Coordinate job training opportunities and connect training to commitments for local hiring from New Haven employers. Expand the city's Living Wage Ordinance to apply to more people at a higher rate. The city should develop a marketing strategy to insure that all people of color are able to participate and benefit.

#### **PRISON RE ENTRY**

Positive initiatives by the city:

The Street Outreach Workers Program creates relationships with at-risk youth and provides mediation and resources for more positive paths in life. Ban the Box Ordinance hiring policy to prohibit unfair discrimination in hiring those with prior convictions.

Suggestions:

Open the Q House, enhance existing programs to meet the overall needs of those re-entering New Haven from prison, expand 'Ban the Box' hiring policy to all employers.

#### **HOMELESSNESS**

Positive Initiatives by the city:

Tent City organized to raise funds to keep the shelter open in winter Stimulus funds allocated for the homeless prevention rapid re-housing program.

Suggestions for further action:

Make a top policy objective that everyone should be able to afford and have a place to live. Continue fund raising. Reach out to all stakeholders to develop an action plan.

#### **HOUSING - Foreclosures**

Positive initiatives the city is taking to stop foreclosures:

Anti-blight ordinance outreach to people before they are foreclosed.

Suggestions for a pro-active strategy to stop foreclosures:

Protect neighborhoods and discourage foreclosures by vigorously enforcing anti-blight ordinances and making the foreclosure and maintenance of properties as expensive as possible for the financial institutions. Support for grass roots organizing to educate and mobilize homeowners. Work for state legislation that will increase homeowners' and tenants rights. Take every opportunity to push for national legislation to resolve the underlying problems. Anti-blight activities should not result in gentrification. The city should be committed to fight for every neighborhood.

#### EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Positive initiatives:

New Haven Mentors involving adults in our community to mentor or tutor school children. Youth Map to be launched coordinating information about all youth programs in our city. Youth at Work summer jobs programs.

Suggestions to close the achievement gap:

The first thing to solve any problem is to recognize the issue. I would like to take this time to commend Dr. Reginald Mayo and Mayor John DeStefano and the teachers and staff from all our schools for their willingness and commitment to make this a priority in the coming years. Increase investments in early childhood education and after school programs.

State tax reform so public education is not funded by local property taxes. Opportunities for higher education. Enhance and support existing youth programs. Increase parent involvement city-wide.

#### STIMULUS PACKAGE

There are a number of ways the \$700B+ stimulus package passed in February could help New Haven. These include:

- Funding for shovel-ready infrastructure projects
- Significant funds for education
- Youth jobs, CDBG, energy conservation measures
- Help for the state (especially Medicaid), which lessens the pressure on state government to cut funding for New Haven
- Temporary cut in the payroll tax, with an increase of about \$8/week in workers' paychecks
- Extension of unemployment compensation. The city is already applying for funding under the stimulus package. An easy-to-read summary of all funding requested and approved under the stimulus package should be available. This will help show the positive impact it is having, and lay the basis for encouraging Congress to follow up with additional funds.

Suggestions on stimulus funding:

Take steps to insure that city residents, especially young people, are trained and hired for the construction projects. Work for maximum community involvement in planning and applying for funds, and in creating a positive climate for passage of additional stimulus legislation. Establish an Advisory Committee to help insure participation of African-American and Hispanic communities in planning, jobs and all aspects of stimulus spending.

## 7. Summary and Call to Action

One important task we face is informing our communities that it is important to take part in the census, which determines how much federal funding we get. We have to let the people know it is safe to take part and we all must count. President Barack Obama has said, 'Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.' This is a State of Emergency Call to Action. To every parent, child, family, community, agency, business, educational institution, political leader, union, cultural leader, faith organization, the city, the state and the region. The first thing that must be done is to take this information and spread it around the City to inform everyone that we are losing our children.

This national cradle to prison pipeline crisis is here in New Haven with alarming numbers. Homelessness, foreclosure, poverty, unemployment and education are part of that. We must inform and tell our kids 'Don't become a statistic' and not only to tell and inform our families but to say we're not going to let it happen, and we are going to do something about it. After we inform, the next step is to make a commitment to turn this situation around, and then to develop a strategy and plan of action. All sections of the community need to be around the table together to figure out what each of us has to offer to reach the potential of a truly Model City. We've done different things as a city that nobody thought could be done. The Community Benefit Agreement, the ID card, and many others. Now it's time to take a bigger step.

To quote again from the report of the Children's Defense Fund, 'America's Cradle to Prison Pipeline:' 'We must not be satisfied with a foot of child care, a leg of health care, a thigh of nutrition, a hand of housing, a neck bone of education, a back-bone of after-school care, a toe of gun control, a shoulder of parental education and training. We must address the needs of the whole child who does not come in pieces but in families and lives in communities shaped by cultural and national values that must become more just in practice and honored by responsible adults with power.'

We need to go with this information and bring this presentation neighborhood by neighborhood to all the stakeholders and find out what each one has to offer. Then we should plan for a city-wide summit to strategize the creation of a working document that we will abide by to end the disparities that will enable us to create a model city.

Our communities are diverse. We have a great and rich diversity within the Black and Hispanic population. We have African-Americans, Haitians, Jamaicans, Somalians, and Eritrians. Latinos include Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Mexicans, Peruvians, Salvadorans, Chileans, Costa Ricans, Colombians, Ecuadorians and even Spaniards, each with their own culture and traditions. One thing that we have in common is that we are all striving for the same thing. We are all trying to live the American Dream with a home, education for our kids, good health, and a living wage job and to be culturally enriched.

This is the time to search our minds and souls and seek out for answers. We have the moral obligation to end the disparities that separate us. The person who is walking in the streets, coming out of prison without hope, is equal to the

person who has all the knowledge and doesn't share it. It all equals a stumbling block to the public safety and well-being of everyone who lives in our city. We are all born with a gift or talent that through the years we develop, enhance and that we should share. An engine needs all of its parts functioning in order for the car to move forward.

To conclude, we do not have all the solutions to all of our problems. However, by working together we do have the ability and moral obligation to find those solutions and seek for excellence. Thank you.

To all the colleagues, Mr. President, to all our friends and to everyone who's here, there will be a reception sponsored by Yale University State Affairs, Yale-New Haven Hospital, the Spanish American Merchants Association, and Noche Mia after the Board of Aldermen meeting at 229 Grand Avenue. Thank you.

#### APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journal of the Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2009 was approved.

#### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

The following were read for the first time and unanimous consent for immediate action thereon having been granted, it was voted, viva voce, on motion of Alderwoman Jones, duly seconded, that they be accepted and the matter to which they refer be approved, and it was so declared by the Chair:

From Alderpersons Sturgis-Pascale, Calder, James-Evans, Jackson-Brooks, Perez, Colon, Clark, Smart, Lemar, Brison, Antunes, Rhodeen, J. Rodriguez, Castro, Paolillo, DePino, Blango, Jones, Morehead, McCormack, Silverman, S. Rodriguez, Lehtonen, Sandman, Goldfield and Edmonds-Sepulveda submitting a resolution strongly supporting improvements for bicycle and pedestrian access and urging the General Assembly to enact SB 735 which would create a "complete streets" policy, a bicycle and pedestrian advisory board, and a "share the road" license plate.

(RESOLUTION ADOPTED)

April 27, 2009

Honorable Carl Goldfield  
President, New Haven Board of Aldermen

Dear President Goldfield:

We would like to respectfully submit to the Board, for approval by unanimous consent, the attached resolution strongly supporting improvements for bicycle and pedestrian access and urging the General Assembly to enact SB 735 which would create a "Complete Streets" policy, a bicycle and pedestrian advisory board and a "Share the Road" license plate.

Approximately 40% of all trips in Connecticut are two miles or less, but the vast majority of these trips are made by car, which is polluting and energy intensive.

The State of Connecticut spends less than a dollar per capita on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, less than 1% of the transportation budget, and the dearth of funding for this infrastructure is a serious concern for the citizens of New Haven and across our state.

In 2007 alone, the State of Connecticut reported 35 pedestrian fatalities, highlighting the lack of basic pedestrian accommodations such as sidewalks in many locations. In addition, one in four Connecticut high school students is overweight or obese, which increases the likelihood of adult obesity by approximately 80 percent. Obesity-related health problems in Connecticut added \$856 million in adult medical expenditures, including \$665 million in taxpayer funds in Medicaid and Medicare costs.

SB 735 would improve bicycle and pedestrian access, which will allow children and adults to lead more active lifestyles and reduce obesity rates; work within current transportation budget resources; allow for flexible solutions, inviting a variety of bicycle and pedestrian facilities that can be built to fit the landscape, neighborhood and population; and permit exemptions when necessary.

Development of a "Complete Streets" program has been initiated by the New Haven Board of Aldermen and embraced by our community, as such policies have already been successfully implemented throughout the United States. Various groups have testified in Hartford before the General Assembly in support of SB 735, and it's important at this key moment that the Board goes on record as strongly supporting the "Complete Streets" initiatives on a statewide basis and urging passage of this important measure. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIN STURGIS-PASCALÉ  
Alderman, 14th Ward

ANDREA JACKSON-BROOKS  
Alderman, 4th Ward

ROLAND LEMAR  
Alderman, 9th Ward

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Alderman, 7th Ward

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Alderman, 13th Ward

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Alderman, 2nd Ward

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Alderman, 3rd Ward

JORGE PEREZ  
Alderman, 5th Ward

DOLORES COLON  
Alderman, 6th Ward

MICHAEL B. SMART  
Alderman, 8th Ward

GERALD M. ANTUNES  
Alderman, 12th Ward

JOSEPH E. RODRIGUEZ  
Alderman, 15th Ward

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Alderwoman, 16th Ward

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**MORDECHAI SANDMAN**  
Alderman, 28th Ward

**MICHELLE EDMONDS-SEPULVEDA**  
Alderwoman, 30th Ward

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN STRONGLY SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENTS FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT SB 735 WHICH WOULD CREATE A "COMPLETE STREETS" POLICY, A BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD AND A "SHARE THE ROAD" LICENSE PLATE.**

**WHEREAS:** The Connecticut State Legislature is considering SB 735, which would create a "Complete Streets" policy with at least 1% of dedicated funding from existing resources, as well as a bicycle and pedestrian advisory board and a "Share the Road" license plate; and

**WHEREAS:** approximately 40% of all trips in Connecticut are two miles or less, but the vast majority of these trips are made by car which is polluting and energy intensive; and

**WHEREAS:** the State of Connecticut spends less than a dollar per capita on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, less than 1% of the transportation budget, and the dearth of funding for this infrastructure is a serious concern for the citizens of Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS:** in 2007 alone, the State of Connecticut reported 35 pedestrian fatalities, highlighting the lack of basic pedestrian accommodations such as sidewalks in many locations; and

**WHEREAS:** one in four Connecticut high school students are overweight or obese, which increases the likelihood of adult obesity by approximately 80 percent; and

**WHEREAS:** obesity-related health problems in Connecticut added \$856 million in adult medical expenditures, including \$665 million in taxpayer funds in Medicaid and Medicare costs; and

**WHEREAS:** SB 735 would improve bicycle and pedestrian access, which will allow children and adults to lead more active lifestyles and reduce obesity rates; and

**WHEREAS:** SB 735 would work within current transportation budget resources and allows for flexible solutions, inviting a variety of bicycle and pedestrian facilities that can be built to fit the landscape, neighborhood and population; and

**WHEREAS:** SB 735 allows for exemptions where non-motorized usage is prohibited, there is a demonstrated absence of need or where the accommodation of all users would be excessively expensive to total project cost; and

**WHEREAS:** development of a "Complete Streets" program has been initiated by the New Haven Board of Aldermen and embraced by our community, as such policies have already been successfully implemented in various forms throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** various groups have testified in Hartford before the General Assembly in support of SB 735.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Aldermen strongly supports the creation of roads for all users and abilities and implementation of "Complete Streets" policy on Connecticut's roads.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board urges the State Legislature to approve SB 735, which would enable New Haven and other municipalities to improve infrastructure and safety for cyclists and pedestrians, encourage environmentally friendly modes of transportation, and create an environment conducive to more active lifestyles which will combat obesity and the costs incurred by our current health crisis.

**Alderwoman Sturgis-Pascale:** "I thank the board for their support of this and ask for the vote on unanimous consent which urges the General Assembly to enact Senate Bill 735, which would support a 'complete streets' policy, a bicycle and pedestrian advisory board, and a "share the road" license plate program.

Currently, the State of Connecticut spends less than \$1.00 on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, so it should be no surprise that in the state approximately 40% of all trips are two miles or less and are made in people's cars. In addition, one in four Connecticut high school students is overweight or obese, which increases the likelihood of adult obesity by approximately 80%. Obesity-related health problems in Connecticut add \$665 million a year in taxpayer funds for medical expenditures. Senate Bill 735 would be a step in the right direction. It would allow children and adults to lead more active lifestyles and would help to reduce obesity rates. It would also reduce vehicle emissions which is the primary source of air pollution in New Haven and drives our asthma rate, which is four times the national average. All of this can be done without requiring addition fiscal allocations.

The New Haven Board of Aldermen debated 'Complete Streets' here, last fall, extensively and we have broad support in our community for this. So it would be good to see the state move forward on this.

A commitment of 1% is really quite modest, especially when you consider that our neighbors in Rhode Island spend 7% on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. However, this legislation does move us in the right direction. I thank you in advance for your support."

From the Tax Collector, Order de Tax Refunds (May 4, 2009).  
(ORDER PASSED)

ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the tax refund applications specified hereinafter by taxpayer's name, account number, and refund amount be and hereby are approved pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes and the certification of the Tax Collector. The Tax Collector shall draw orders upon the City Treasurer for each payee specified and, pursuant to Section 2-37 of the City Ordinances, the Controller or his designee shall surrender each payment to the payee named thereon after obtaining satisfaction of any and all debts owed to the City of New Haven by the Payee.

NAME	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
BELLA VISTA REALTY CO., C/O RUBENSTEIN & JENNIFER L	467247	\$648.97
CHARLES, CHERYL	576400	\$506.64
CITIMORTGAGE	25247	\$1,538.81
COUNTRYWIDE TAX SERVICE CORP	1373	\$358.11
EDGE, DORA MAE	18072	\$1,397.42
FIRSTAMERICAN TAX SERVICE C/O CHASE	25882	\$3,617.74
FIRSTAMERICAN REAL ESTATE TAX SERVICE	12119	\$536.58
HONDA LEASE TRUST 6 ACCTS	\$967.28	LATHERS, MAURICE S 545494
LEE, NARO JR	261543	\$88.64
LEWIS, BARBARA	698832	\$272.07
LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP, TAX DEPT	19672	\$3,039.41
NEAL, CHARLENE	700919	\$235.04
NISSAN INFINITI LT 11 ACCTS	\$5,373.53	OKAFOR, STANLEY C 718149
O'NEIL, JUSTINE	718196	\$52.89
PINKSTON, STEPHANIE	666627	\$55.18
RAMOS, BEATRIZ	702655	\$192.27
PROFESSIONAL PAINTING INC	625487	\$552.53
ROSADO, ROBERT	720045	\$29.12
RUPPE, ERIN	707690	\$1,238.22
SAAB LEASING CO	627005	\$202.44
SELENE FINANCE C/O LPS PROPERTY SOLUTIONS	21676	\$8,059.91
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TEL. CO.	721081	\$124.97
VW CREDIT LEASING LTD 6 ACCTS	\$1,123.71	WELLS FARGO HOME MTG 11671
\$5,528.25	WILSHIRE CREDIT CORP 3586	\$1,777.75
TOTALS		\$100,882.43

Joint Community Development/Human Services. Favorable. Order from the Mayor approving an amendment to the Annual 2008-09 Consolidated Action Plan for the purpose of accepting an additional allocation of Community Development Block Grant Recovery funds in the amount of \$990,070 from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

(PRESENTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF SECTION 24-1-A OF THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN) (ORDER PASSED)

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), as amended, (P.L. 93-383); the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended (P.L. 101-625); The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-400); The Aids Housing Opportunity Act (AHOA) and amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (PL 102-550, approved October 28, 1992); hereafter referred to as "Housing and Community Development Programs" the

Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to provide financial assistance to cities for undertaking and carrying out community development activities on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of an Act concerning Community Development, Public Act No. 75-443, Connecticut Municipalities are authorized to undertake community development programs in accordance with the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Public Act No. 75-443; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive "Housing and Community Development Program" funding HUD requires the submission of a planning document incorporating housing and non-housing community development strategies in a consolidated plan to be prepared in accordance with the process prescribed in 24CFR Part 91; and

WHEREAS, the City has an approved Five Year Consolidated Plan covering 2005 through 2009, which includes a description of the community participation process, a needs analysis, objectives and priorities for the five year strategy period,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the federal regulations requiring Consolidated Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs (24CFR 91), the Mayor has caused to be prepared and has submitted to this Board an Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance to undertake and carry out community development activities; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2008 the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Haven approved an Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan - Statement of Activities and Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds to be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal financial assistance for planning and community development activities under the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as Amended, (PL 93-383); The Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended (PL 101-625); The McKinney - Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000 (PL 106-400); The AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (PL 102-550); Hereafter referred to as "Housing and Community Development Programs" for the program year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven has received notification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it will also receive \$990,070 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R) Funds under the American Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City has been notified that the Statement of Activities and Use of Funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R) Program shall be treated a substantial amendment to the 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has allocated the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R) Funds in a manner consistent with its Five Year Consolidated Plan and current 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan focusing on infrastructure improvements and the provision of employment opportunity for low and very low income residents; and

WHEREAS, the City, in accordance with HUD regulation, has prepared the plan amendments and necessary documentation required for submission of the additional allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the purpose of obtaining the funds and carrying out the proposed activities; and

WHEREAS, prior to submission to HUD, the mayor and other public officials have afforded the public, in accordance with the published regulations, the opportunity to comment on the receipt of and proposed use of the funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Board take appropriate official action respecting the substantial amendment to the City's Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds which forms part of the application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for financial assistance under its Housing and Community Development Programs by accepting the additional allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; and

WHEREAS, this Board is cognizant of the conditions imposed upon the Mayor and the City with respect to undertaking and carrying out community development activities under the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Programs, and Public Act No. 75-443, and in addition shall comply with all future regulations that may be promulgated in the Community Development Block Grant Program funded by the Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Haven as follows:

1. It is hereby found and determined that:
  - (a) The projects and programs proposed under the additional allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are in keeping with the intent of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and are designed to meet community needs as determined in the planning process.
  - (b) There has been (i) adequate information provided to citizens concerning the amount of funds available under the additional allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and the range of activities which may be undertaken and other important program requirements, (ii) opportunity for citizens to participate in the development of the plan, and (iii) a public meeting by this Board to obtain the views of citizens on the program and the proposed use of funds.
  - (c) The Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan Program, as amended, will be conducted and administered in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 1968, P.L. 88-52 and P.L. 90-284, as from time to time amended, the Fair Housing

Amendments Act of 1988, P.L. 100-430, section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Sections 31-26, 33-34, 53-35, 53-35a of the General Statutes.

(d) The Mayor has consented to make the certifications required under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Recovery Allocation under the American Reinvestment Act of 2009, subsection (b) of Section 104 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, Section 106 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; Subtitle D of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; Section 415 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000; and Section 854 of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act.

(e) In implementing the 2008-2009 Consolidated Plan Program, as amended, the City shall comply with the provisions of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, P.L. 91-646, as from time to time amended.

(f) All laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or subcontractor on construction of rehabilitation work, except as provided under Section 110 of said Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Part III of Chapter 557 and Part I of Chapter 558 of the general statutes, shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction within the locality, as determined by the United States Secretary of Labor under the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act, as from time to time amended; 40 U.S.C., Sections 276a to 276a-5, inclusive, or by the labor commissioner under Section 31-53 of the federal statutes, and all such persons shall receive overtime compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C., Section 327 to 332, inclusive and Section 31-60 of the general statutes, or where no such federal financial assistance is to be provided, then compliance with Part III of Chapter 557 and Part I of Chapter 558 of the general statutes, or where no such federal financial assistance is to be provided, then compliance with Part III of Chapter 557 and Part I of Chapter 558 of the general statutes shall be required.

(g) In implementing the 2008-2009 Consolidated Plan Program, as amended, the City shall comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135. Section 3, as amended, requires that economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance for housing and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low and very low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to low and very low income persons.

In implementing the 2008-2009 Consolidated Plan Program, as amended, the City shall comply with notification, inspection, testing and abatement procedures concerning lead-based paint as required by 24 CFR 570.608.

In implementing the 2008-2009 Consolidated Plan Program, as amended, the City shall comply with provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

(j) That the Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds, as amended, and approved by this Board, complies with the requirements of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (PL 93-383); the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended (P.L. 101-25); the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-400); AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (AOHA) and amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-550); hereafter referred to as "Housing and Community Development Programs", Public Act No. 75-443 and other applicable provisions of the law and regulations subject to the securing of further local approvals, such as urban renewal plan amendments, which may be required.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds, as amended, through the allocation of additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds under the American Reinvestment Act of 2009, having been incorporated in this Order by reference, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to undertake and carry out the community development activities described in said amendment and plan; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to enter into contractual agreement and/or amendments irrespective of fiscal year expenditures restrictions in order to insure performance of approved Community Development Block Grant Funds under the American Reinvestment Act of 2009;and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized and directed to take whatever steps necessary to secure the approval of these funds and the amendment to the Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds and the City's application for financial assistance to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized and directed to certify or give assurances, on behalf of the City, to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development as to the matters determined and found by this Board.

**CDBG-R Activity Descriptions**

**Agency Award Amount Description**

<p>Infrastructure Improvements and Residential Sidewalk/Paving</p> <p>will be utilized to provide physical infrastructure improvements in low and moderate income areas. Improvements will include but are not limited to the installation of sidewalks, curbs, driveway aprons, drainage improvements, bike and pedestrian safety improvements, traffic calming measures and street repairs in low income areas. Contractors will be required to hire Section 3 residents from the CDBG-R Construction Trade Training program. Funds will also be provided in the form of stipends which will contribute to the salary of the new hires. The laborers will be provided with a mentor whom will assist them with "on the job" training. This program will create at least six (6) new construction jobs. In addition, this initiative will also allow for additional trained tradesmen for various projects throughout the City. As a result of this program construction jobs in this area will be extended and retained where the workers would normally be laid off and/ or out of of work such as millers, pavers, drivers, skilled laborers, technical and administrative plant personnel. Funds leveraged include City Capital</p>	<p>742,553 Funding</p>
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**Improvement Funds and State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program Funds (LoCIP).**

**Construction Trade Training Program 148,510** This program is designed to provide a construction skill training component. The purpose is to ensure a pool of low income residents are trained in the general construction trades and particularly in the asphalt paving / concrete construction trades to gain the skills necessary to work on various job sites created by the infrastructure projects to be funded under this program. This component will be modeled after the City's Commission on Equal Opportunities Career Development School. To begin, between 100 to 150 residents will receive basic construction skill training in addition to exposure to many areas of specialized construction skill training. At least twenty (20) students, showing an aptitude for the concrete construction trades will be selected for specialized skill training. CDBG-R Funds will be used to hire a part-time Concrete Trade Instructor. The program will train at least 20 new low income residents providing them with them with specialized concrete construction skills including asphalt paving, concrete work, curb and drainage installation. The program will also sustain and create future employment opportunities for the participants of the program. Funds leveraged include resources from the State of CT, the Housing Authority of New Haven, the New Haven Board of Education and Yale University.

**Program Administration 99,007** Funding will be utilized for the administrative support of the program such as financial and program monitoring and reporting. Any funding that is not expended for administration will be reallocated to infrastructure improvements.

**Total 990,070**

**Alderman Edmonds-Sepulveda:** "Honorable colleagues, today is a great day - the city is receiving a total of \$2.5 million in economic stimulus funds from the federal government: \$990,070 in Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) funds from HUD to be used for infrastructure improvements such as streets, sidewalks, curbs, and bike lanes in low-income areas of the city. This will benefit the entire city because it will free up capital funds for infrastructure improvements citywide. This funding will provide training and jobs for low and very-low income New Haven residents who will be employed to work on these projects. I urge your support."

**Note:** Alderman Morehead was absent from the Chamber at the time of the vote.

**Joint Community Development/Human Services. Favorable. Order from the Mayor approving an amendment to the annual 2008-09 Consolidated Action Plan statement of activities and use of funds by adding \$1,514,570 in Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program Funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban development under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.**

**(PRESENTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF SECTION 24-1-A OF THE RULES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN) (ORDER PASSED)**

**WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), as amended, (P.L. 93-383); the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended (P.L.**

101-625); The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-400); The Aids Housing Opportunity Act (AHOA) and amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (PL 102-550, approved October 28, 1992); hereafter referred to as "Housing and Community Development Programs" the Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to provide financial assistance to cities for undertaking and carrying out community development activities on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of an Act concerning Community Development, Public Act No. 75-443, Connecticut Municipalities are authorized to undertake community development programs in accordance with the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Public Act No. 75-443; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive "Housing and Community Development Program" funding HUD requires the submission of a planning document incorporating housing and non-housing community development strategies in a consolidated plan to be prepared in accordance with the process prescribed in 24CFR Part 91; and

WHEREAS, the City has an approved Five Year Consolidated Plan covering 2005 through 2009, which includes a description of the community participation process, a needs analysis, objectives and priorities for the five year strategy period,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the federal regulations requiring Consolidated Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs (24CFR 91), the Mayor has caused to be prepared and has submitted to this Board an Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance to undertake and carry out community development activities; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2008 the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Haven approved an Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan - Statement of Activities and Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds to be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal financial assistance for planning and community development activities under the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as Amended, (PL 93-383); The Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended (PL 101-625); The MCKinney - Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000 (PL 106-400); The AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (PL 102-550); Hereafter referred to as "Housing and Community Development Programs" for the program year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven has received notification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it will receive \$1,514,570 in Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Funds under the American Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City has been notified that the Statement of Activities and Use of

Funds under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program(HPRP) shall be treated as a substantial amendment to the 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has developed priorities for the use of Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) funds consistent with its Five Year Consolidated Plan and has solicited citizen and stakeholder comment prior to the allocation of such funds through a Request for Proposal process; and

WHEREAS, the City, in accordance with HUD regulation, has prepared the plan amendments and necessary documentation required for submission of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the purpose of obtaining the funds and carrying out the proposed activities; and

WHEREAS, prior to submission to HUD, the mayor and other public officials have afforded the public, in accordance with the published regulations, the opportunity to comment on the receipt of and proposed use of the funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Board take appropriate official action respecting the substantial amendment to the City's Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds which forms part of the application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for financial assistance under its Housing and Community Development Programs by accepting the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)funds; and

WHEREAS, this Board is cognizant of the conditions imposed upon the Mayor and the City with respect to undertaking and carrying out community development activities under the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Programs, and Public Act No. 75-443.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Haven as follows:

1. It is hereby found and determined that:

(a) The projects and programs proposed under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)funds are in keeping with the intent of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and are designed to meet community needs as determined in the planning process.

(b) There has been (i) adequate information provided to citizens concerning the amount of funds available for activities proposed under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) and the range of activities which may be undertaken and other important program requirements, (ii) opportunity for citizens to participate in the development of the plan, and (iii) a public meeting by this Board to obtain the views of citizens on the program.

(c) The Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan Program, as amended, will be conducted and administered in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 1968, P.L. 88-52 and P.L. 90-284, as from time to time amended, the Fair Housing

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Amendments Act of 1988, P.L. 100-430, section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Sections 31-26, 33-34, 53-35, 53-35a of the General Statutes.

(d) The Mayor has consented to make the certifications required under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) under the American Reinvestment Act of 2009, subsection (b) of Section 104 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, Section 106 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; Subtitle D of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; Section 415 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000; and Section 854 of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act.

(e) In implementing the 2008-2009 Consolidated Plan Program, as amended, the City shall comply with the provisions of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, P.L. 91-646, as from time to time amended.

(f) All laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or subcontractor on construction of rehabilitation work, except as provided under Section 110 of said Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Part III of Chapter 557 and Part I of Chapter 558 of the general statutes, shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction within the locality, as determined by the United States Secretary of Labor under the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act, as from time to time amended; 40 U.S.C., Sections 276a to 276a-5, inclusive, or by the labor commissioner under Section 31-53 of the federal statutes, and all such persons shall receive overtime compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C., Section 327 to 332, inclusive and Section 31-60 of the general statutes, or where no such federal financial assistance is to be provided, then compliance with Part III of Chapter 557 and Part I of Chapter 558 of the general statutes, or where no such federal financial assistance is to be provided, then compliance with Part III of Chapter 557 and Part I of Chapter 558 of the general statutes shall be required.

(g) In implementing the 2008-2009 Consolidated Plan Program, as amended, the City shall comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135. Section 3, as amended, requires that economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance for housing and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low and very low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to low and very low income persons.

In implementing the 2008-2009 Consolidated Plan Program, as amended, the City shall comply with notification, inspection, testing and abatement procedures concerning lead-based paint as required by 24 CFR 570.608.

In implementing the 2008-2009 Consolidated Plan Program, as amended, the City shall comply with provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

(j) That the Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds, as amended, and approved by this Board, complies with the requirements of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (PL 93-383); the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended (P.L. 101-25); the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-400); AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (AOHA) and amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-550); hereafter referred to as "Housing and Community Development Programs", Public Act No. 75-443 and other applicable provisions of the law and regulations subject to the securing of further local approvals, such as urban renewal plan amendments, which may be required.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds, as amended, through the allocation of receipt of Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Funds under the American Reinvestment Act of 2009, having been incorporated in this Order by reference, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to undertake and carry out the community development activities described in said amendment and plan; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized to enter into contractual agreement and/or amendments irrespective of fiscal year expenditures restrictions in order to insure performance of approved Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Funds under the American Reinvestment Act of 2009;and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized and directed to take whatever steps necessary to secure the approval of these funds and the amendment to the Annual 2008-2009 Consolidated Action Plan, Statement of Activities and Use of Funds and the City's application for financial assistance to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor is authorized and directed to certify or give assurances, on behalf of the City, to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development as to the matters determined and found by this Board.

**HPRP Activity Descriptions**

**Agency Award Amount Description**

Community Mediation Inc 205,000 To provide mediation services and security deposit assistance to individuals and families who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless to enable them to obtain permanent housing. On-going support is provided after client placement as needed. The progr

**REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The following were read for the first time, ordered printed in the Journal, and referred to the Committee as indicated for public hearing and report:

**ALDERMANIC AFFAIRS:**

From the Mayor submitting the reappointment of Jennifer Morgan DelMonico of 175 Linden Street to the Cultural Affairs Commission.

April 21, 2009

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by virtue of Section 11, Article V of the General Ordinances, Section #2-140, I wish to hereby submit the name of Ms. Jennifer Morgan DeIMonico of 175 Linden Street, of New Haven, CT 06511 to the Cultural Affairs Commission. This reappointment would become effective upon the approval of the Honorable Board of Aldermen and will expire on June 1, 2012.

I am confident given Ms. DeIMonico's credentials and commitment to our city, which she will continue to serve the citizens of New Haven in a most conscientious and productive manner.

I thank you for your kind consideration of this appointment and ask for your prompt consideration of same.

Very truly yours,

John DeStefano, Jr.  
Mayor

From the Mayor submitting the appointment of Douglas Hausladen of 196 Crown Street, #207, to the Cultural Affairs Commission.

April 21, 2009

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by virtue of Section 11, Article V of the General Ordinances, Section #2-140, I wish to hereby submit the name of Mr. Douglas Hausladen, 196 Crown Street, #207, New Haven, CT 06511 to the Cultural Affairs Commission. This appointment would become effective upon the approval of the Honorable Board of Aldermen and will expire on June 1, 2012. Mr. Hausladen will be filling the expired term of Ms. Miriam Sommer.

I am confident given Mr. Hausladen's credentials and commitment to our city that he will serve the citizens of New Haven in a most conscientious and productive manner.

I thank you for your kind consideration of this appointment and ask for your prompt consideration of same.

Very truly yours,

John DeStefano, Jr.  
Mayor

From the Mayor submitting the reappointment of Dean Sakamoto of 58 Livingston Street to the Cultural Affairs Commission.

April 7, 2006

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by virtue of Section 11, Article V of the Revised City Charter, I wish to hereby submit the name Mr. Dean Sakamoto of 81 Woodbridge Avenue, New Haven, CT 06515 to the Cultural Affairs Commission. This reappointment would become effective upon the approval of the Honorable Board of Aldermen and will expire on June 1, 2009.

I am confident given Mr. Sakamoto's credentials and commitment to our city, that he will continue to serve the citizens of New Haven in a most conscientious and productive manner.

I thank you for your kind consideration of this appointment and ask for your prompt consideration of same.

Very truly yours,

John DeStefano, Jr.  
Mayor

From the Mayor submitting the reappointment of Jan Simmons of 4 Warwick Street to the Fair Rent Commission.

April 13, 2009

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by virtue of Section #12-3/4-2 of the General Ordinances and Public Act #274, I wish to hereby submit for your Honorable Board's approval the name of Ms. Jan Simmons of 4 Warwick Street,

New Haven, CT 06513 to the Fair Rent Commission. This reappointment would become effective upon your Honorable Board's approval and will expire on May 21, 2012.

I am confident given Ms. Simmons' credentials and commitment to our city, that she will continue to serve the citizens of New Haven in a most conscientious and productive manner.

I thank you for your kind consideration of this matter and ask for your prompt consideration of same.

Very truly yours,

John DeStefano, Jr.  
Mayor

**CITY SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY:**

From the Deputy Development Administrator submitting an ordinance amendment to Sections 19-21 through 19-25 of the New Haven Code of Ordinances dissolving the New Haven Coliseum Authority.

April 24, 2009

Carl Goldfield  
President, Board of Aldermen  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

Dear President Goldfield:

The New Haven Coliseum Authority has requested that the City of New Haven through the Board of Aldermen order the dissolution of the New Haven Coliseum Authority. As you are aware the New Haven Coliseum was closed in October of 2002 and the Coliseum was demolished in 2007 and the site cleared for development. The actual site is owned by the City of New Haven only the improvements - the Coliseum facility - was owned and operated by the Authority. The Authority has completed the closeout of business operations and determined that the final step to dissolve the Authority is by Aldermanic action which would rescind, void and delete Sections 19-21 and 19-25 of the New Haven Code of Ordinances.

I urge approval of this action to dissolve the New Haven Coliseum Authority.

Very truly yours,

Christine Bonanno  
Deputy Development Administrator

From Attorney David Avigdor submitting a request on behalf of A One Pizza on Broadway and Fiddow, Inc. for an easement on the public right of way at 21

Broadway for an ATM banking machine.  
(REFERRED CONCURRENTLY TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION, PUBLIC WORKS,  
AND TRANSPORTATION, TRAFFIC AND PARKING)

May 4, 2009

The Board of Alderman  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: ATM - 21 BROADWAY - NEW HAVEN  
City Building Department  
Sezgin Ilitli - part owner of A One Pizza on Broadway  
Fiddow Inc. - Owners of ATM Banking Machines

Dear Members of the Board of Alderman;

This office represents the interests of Sezgin Ilitli, part owner of the business known as A One Pizza on Broadway located at 21 Broadway Street New Haven CT and Fiddow Inc., owners of ATM banking machines.

Pursuant to the enclosed formal application, this office respectfully requests a license from the City of New Haven to permit my clients to encroach on the city's sidewalk right of way for the above location.

My clients request permission from the Board of Alderman's to permit an ATM in the public right of way at said location.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Attorney David Avigdor

From the Chief Administrative Officer submitting a resolution authorizing the application to and acceptance of \$1,263,500 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding through an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant three-year program.  
(REFERRED CONCURRENTLY TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION AND  
TRANSPORTATION, TRAFFIC AND PARKING)

May 4, 2009

Carl Goldfield  
President, Board of Aldermen  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Goldfield:

Attached, please find a resolution requesting authorization to apply for and accept \$1,263,500 from a new federal entitlement grant called the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). Over the three-year period covered by the grant, these funds will allow the City of New Haven and community sub-grantees to achieve the goals of reducing our environmental footprints and reducing costs.

New Haven has been a leader in gaining cost savings through an aggressive energy conservation program over the last twelve years. \$600,000 of this grant will be allocated to building on this success through the planning and implementation of the next generation of municipal energy conservation measures. Based on past experience, every dollar spent in these conservation measures will yield many dollars saved in General Fund costs.

\$300,000 will be allocated to help New Haven residents and businesses achieve some of the same savings through grants to be leveraged on top of existing UI and CCEF programs for audits and efficiency and conservation improvements.

An additional \$300,000 will be allocated to create an Office of Sustainability, which will develop and work to implement a citywide sustainability plan in addition to providing staff support to the measures listed above, help administer the EECBG grant, and help implement a new municipal recycling effort. This recycling effort will result in dramatic savings to the city in addition to direct benefits to New Haven households and economic stimulus to New Haven businesses, and will come before the Board for approval separately in the near future. Other grant funds are also be pursued in support of the Office of Sustainability, all of which will come before the Board for their application and acceptance.

The balance of the grant will be reimbursed to the General Fund to cover costs of administering the grant.

The EECBG will allow the City of New Haven to build upon existing efforts to simultaneously save money and benefit the environment in a much more comprehensive and well-thought out way. I urge the Board's support for these efforts.

Sincerely,

Robert Smuts  
Chief Administrative Officer

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

From the Mayor submitting a resolution authorizing the City of New Haven to undertake programs and projects authorized under the City and Town Development Act, to assume and, as appropriate, to exercise all of the rights, powers, obligations and privileges under said act and authorizing such other actions as may be necessary to implement the purposes of the act.  
(REFERRED CONCURRENTLY TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION)

April 28, 2009

The Honorable Carl Goldfield, President  
Board of Aldermen  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

**RE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO UNDERTAKE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CITY AND TOWN DEVELOPMENT ACT, TO ASSUME AND AS APPROPRIATE TO EXERCISE ALL OF THE RIGHTS, POWERS, OBLIGATIONS AND PRIVILEGES UNDER SAID ACT AND AUTHORIZING SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PURPOSES OF THE ACT.**

Dear Alderman Goldfield,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of New Haven approve the above captioned resolution authorizing the City to assume and, as appropriate, to exercise the powers granted to municipalities under the City and Town Development Act for a period of five years.

In order to employ the various powers conferred upon a municipality by the City and Town Development Act, both the governing body of the City and the electorate must approve the use of these powers. The authority of the resolution cannot exceed five years. Since the passage of the Act in 1975, the Board and the electorate have approved the use of the Act in 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001.

The adoption of this resolution after public hearing by the Board will authorize the City to take advantage of the provisions of the City and Town Development Act after the voters have approved such resolution at referendum. Thereafter, any specific projects undertaken using the powers of the Act must be approved individually by the Board. In order for this question to appear on November's ballot it is necessary for the Board to take action on this resolution at the August 3, 2009 meeting.

The purpose of the Act is to enable municipalities to undertake or assist in the financing, development, construction or reconstruction of housing, industrial, commercial, recreational, transportation or related service facilities. The Act gives the City the power to purchase, own and hold, as lessee or lessor, any development property with the city limits. The City may also borrow money, issue bonds or make loans to sponsors to further the purposes of the Act. Since the Board first authorized the City to use the power of the Act, a number of beneficial projects have been successfully undertaken, including the Hill Health Center, Center Court, and Science Park. With ever diminishing State resources, the Act offers many advantages and the ability to continue development of the City's neighborhoods.

As I indicated, all future actions undertaken pursuant to the Act must be individually approved by resolution of the Board. Your approval by resolution at this stage allows the question to appear on next November's ballot for a decision by the voters.

Very truly yours,

John DeStefano, Jr.  
Mayor

From the President/CEO, Empower New Haven, Inc., submitting the third quarter report for FY2008-09 covering the period January through March 2009.

April 28, 2009

Board of Alderman - Legislative Offices  
165 Church Street - 2nd Floor  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

To Whom It May Concern:

The following report is to provide an update for the 3rd quarter (January 2009 - March 2009) for FY 2008-2009 on the programmatic and administrative activities of the agency in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of New Haven and Empower New Haven, Inc. With the designation coming to a close in 8 months, Empower New Haven has begun to assess its staffing levels, contractual obligations and programmatic due diligence. As an update, the proposed legislation before Congress to extend the empowerment zone designations to 2012 (S 1627 & HR 2578; see attached) has not been voted on by Congress. As a result, Empower New Haven continues to move forward with preparations to close out all EZ designated projects, contracts and initiatives. The final report is due to HUD on or before July 31, 2009 and all funds must be expended on or before December 31, 2009 (see HUD correspondence for further information). A sustainability committee was assembled and has met three times with a final draft recommendation for Empower New Haven - 2009 and beyond pending approval and submission to the ENH Board in May 2009.

The state of the organization, administratively, Empower New Haven (ENH) continues to function and operate with 8 FTE. Recently, staff hours were reduced up to a maximum of 25% of FT. Of the 8 employed, all are fully and/or partially funded under the new funding strategies. Programmatically, there are 25 active EZ contracts under the EZ funding which will all close out on or before September 2009 sans the extension of the designation. The total funding associated with the existing active EZ contracts is \$400,000.00. These funds will be disbursed over the next 5 months. As it pertains to our three services areas, homeownership, workforce and business development, the following activity has occurred:

Homeownership (HOMEPOWER):

1. MI HomePower Initiative - The MI HomePower Initiative provides down payment and closing cost assistance by eliminating mortgage insurance and increasing access to capital to purchase a home, sustain housing affordability and promote long-term homeownership, housing affordability and financial success.

Purchased Properties	Pending Applicants	Inactive/ Ineligible Withdrawn	Total
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Applicants  
28 3 26 57

2. The New Haven Repair Program Phase II - The New Haven Emergency Home Repair Program seeks to provide funding to Empowerment Zone resident homeowners for emergency repairs, whereas, The New Haven Beautiful Program assists homeowners in the improvement and beautification of the exterior of their homes. EZ residents are eligible for assistance in the form of a loan-to grant. The loans are interest free and forgivable after five years. Homeowners are required to provide matching funds equaling 3% of the total project cost.

<b>Emergency Repair</b>			
Active Applicants	Pending Applicants	Closed Properties	Withdrawn\
Rescinded	Ineligible Applicants	Total Applications	
9	1 16	7	23 56

<b>New Haven Beautiful</b>			
Active Applicants	Pending Applicants	Closed Properties	Withdrawn\
Rescinded	Ineligible Applicants	Total Applications	
1	1 3	0	8 13

**Workforce Development:**

**Elm City YouthBuild Program**  
Project M.O.R.E. Project M.O.R.E will provide a Program Supervisor, Advocacy, Case Management, Project Space, Stipends, Intervention, Prevention, Retention, Support Services and Transportation as well as the Coordination of Program Services to be administered to a maximum of 20 at-risk youth participating in the Elm City YouthBuild Program.

- 16 Active/Inactive Participants
- 12 Active Participants
  - v 5 Attending Career Development School Full-Time
  - v 4 Attending Literacy Training/GED on-site Full-Time
  - v 2 Participants are enrolled at the Career Development School and are also enrolled in Literacy Training/GED which they attend part-time
  - v 1 Student Intern
- 4 Inactive
  - v 1 is currently incarcerated
  - v 2 are enrolled in Adult Education to receive High School Diplomas
  - v 1 is currently employed
- Construction Training Information
  - v 1 Participant studying plumbing
  - v 3 Participants studying painting
  - v 1 Participant studying Electrical
  - v 2 Participants studying Carpentry
- Literacy Training/GED Information
  - v 4 out of 6 enrolled in GED are 90% ready to take the GED Test
  - v 2 out of 6 enrolled in GED are 70% ready to take the GED Test;
  - v A Student Tutor and a Literacy Volunteer Tutor are working with those students who require a more individualized approach to taking the GED Test; in

addition to the regular GED teaching.

- v By June 30th all participants are anticipated to have GED credentials
  - v 100% of students enrolled in the training have made significant improvements in Math, Reading and Writing which were the major subjects that proved to be a barrier in students passing the GED test and graduating from High School.
- Community Service
- v Elm City YouthBuild participating in the VITA campaign in the form of flyer distribution to enhance the awareness of Free Tax Sites for City residents. To date participants have completed over 20 hours of service.

**The Pharmacy Fund**

Empower New Haven provides a Pharmacy Fund through the Hill Health Center for the purpose of assisting uninsured EZ residents to pay for emergency prescriptions at low or no cost. The fund is provided with intent to reduce employee absenteeism, reduce use of sick benefits and maintain a healthy workforce.

**EZ Neighborhood      EZ Resident Utilization**

Hill 490  
 Dwight 83  
 Dixwell 54  
 Newhallville 65  
 West Rock 30  
 Fair Haven 98

Total EZ Residents Served 10/1/08-12/30/08	820
Average RX cost	\$35.00
Total Number of Prescriptions Paid	1,957

**Business Development:**

**Brownfield's Initiative**

The Brownfield's Initiative provides funds for our existing empowerment zone designated Brownfield's sites in order to encourage economic development in the communities. The initial goal was to remediate 13 Brownfield's sites with 6 of the 13 as targeted sites for immediate redevelopment.

**340 Dixwell Avenue:**

The redevelopment of the 340 Dixwell Ave. site began in 2003 with the removal of four underground storage tanks. An environmental study showed the site to be free of additional contaminants and is now zoned for development. Arrow Pharmacy was initial targeted tenant for the property, but later elected to withdraw from the project. The contract has been extended until June 30, 2009.

Latest News: The City has completed its environmental review and approved the site to move forward. HUD BEDI funds have been approved for this site. The site is located in the Winchester Repeating Arms Historic District. As a result of this designation, compliance with the state statutes related to development on or in historic sites or districts will be closely monitored. BLDC has secured a consultant to complete a business plan with the intent of submitting a request for a Bond allocation for the redevelopment of the site. The projected cost is \$5.3 million. Beulah Land Development Corporation is pursuing EZ Tax Exempt

Facility Bonds for the redevelopment of 340 Dixwell site with the commencement of construction to begin on or before September 1, 2009.

**Dixwell Plaza:**

Latest News: An RFQ has been developed for the DPMA to solicit potential bids for the redevelopment of the Plaza. As the DPMA has decided to rehabilitate and reconstruct the plaza. As a result, Regina Winters of Zared Partners will be working with the DPMA on a strategy for redevelopment of the Plaza.

**Grand Avenue Village Association:**

Empower New Haven modified and extended the contract, engaging GAVA to implement the Grand Avenue Blooms program which will implement and maintain 30 planters along the streetscape and install 40 low-post lighting poles between Ferry and James Streets on Grand Avenue to increase safety and prevent crime in the Fair Haven Neighborhood. Additionally, GAVA has been contracted to initiate a Special Services District Campaign to promote the economic and general welfare of the citizens, property owners, and businesses of Fair Haven. The contract has been extended until 06/30/09.

**Tax Exempt Facility Bonds**

**EZ Bond Review Committee:** The Committee is scheduled to convene every fourth Tuesday of the month; agenda permitting. The Committee awaits the submission of a business plan from Beulah Land Development Corporation. Beulah Land is seeking bond funds to support the redevelopment of the 340 Dixwell Avenue Brownfield's site. The Corporation seeks to develop an enterprise that provides health care services to the Dixwell Community with an emphasis on geriatric services. The organization is projected to present to the Committee on or before April 28, 2009. The issuance is now projected to be approximately 4.0 - 4.5 million dollars. The Committees next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2009.

We continue to evaluate the opportunities for sustainability of the agency beyond the 2009 designation. We await Congress' decision to extend the EZ designation as well as provide funding to properly, adequately and efficiently close out the EZ focused work as to ensure long-term sustainability of the efforts implemented since 1999.

Sincerely,

Althea Marshall Richardson  
President/CEO

**FINANCE:**

From the Mayor submitting the required budgetary and financial reports for the Month of March 2009 in compliance with Section #62 of the Charter.

April 28, 2009

The Honorable Board of Aldermen

City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Honorable Board:

In compliance with Section #62 of the Charter of the City of New Haven, please find attached the required budgetary and financial reports for the month of March, 2009.

As required by City Charter, the report shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk, where it shall be available for public inspection. Copies will also be made available to members of the Financial Review and Audit Commission.

Very truly yours,

Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.

From the Chief Administrative Officer submitting an ordinance amendment to Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances authorizing the New Haven Fire Department to pursue recovery of specialized rescue costs through insurance reimbursements.

April 24, 2009

Alderman Carl Goldfield  
President  
New Haven Board of Aldermen  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Goldfield:

Please find attached a proposed Ordinance amendment authorizing the New Haven Fire Department to pursue recovery of specialized rescue costs through insurance reimbursements.

As you are aware, the NHFD performs a variety of accident response, rescue response and hazmat response services which involve specialized equipment and specially trained personnel.

Based on successful efforts in other communities the NHFD desires to obtain authorization from the Board of Aldermen to implement a Fire Rescue Insurance Recovery Program.

The proposed program would entail hiring a collection company to which all NHFD rescue, hazmat and other public safety responses would be reported. The collection company would then deal with holders of relevant insurance policies to obtain reimbursements to defray the City's equipment and personnel expenses. The collection company would retain a percentage of the funds collected and the balance would be returned to the City for deposit in the General Fund.

In this time of every diminishing resources the NHFD's ability to establish new revenue streams is critical to maintaining emergency response services at a high

level.

Chief Grant and I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this matter further with the Board.

Sincerely,

Robert Smuts  
CAO

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

From the Community Services Administrator submitting a resolution authorizing the application to and acceptance of \$300,000 from the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health for the two-year period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 to support implementation of the Health Equity Initiative (HEI) in New Haven.

May 4, 2009

Honorable Carl Goldfield  
President, Board of Aldermen  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

**RE: Health Equity Index**

Dear Honorable Carl Goldfield:

In accordance with the order of the Board of Aldermen authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept all grants on behalf of the City of New Haven (passed October 17, 1994), I am respectfully writing to advise the Honorable Board of an application by the City of New Haven Health Department to the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health in the amount of \$300,000.00 for two (2) years for the period of 07//01/09 through 06/30/11.

This grant is awarded to the New Haven Health Department to support implementation of the Health Equity Initiative (HEI) in the City of New Haven.

Program administration is provided by the Health Department and its respective Divisions. Direct services are provided by Health Department staff.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Very truly yours,

Kica Matos  
Community Services Administrator

From the Community Services Administrator submitting a resolution authorizing

the application to and acceptance of up to \$75,000 from the U. S. conference of Mayors, Cities United for Science Progress (CUSP) for the Lead-Safe for Kids' Sake Grant Program to provide remediation of lead contaminated soil and to expand childhood lead poisoning prevention outreach activities.

May 4, 2009

The Honorable Carl Goldfield  
President, Board of Aldermen  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Re: Notice of Intent  
U.S. Conference of Mayors  
CUSP Grant Program

Dear Alderman Goldfield:

In accordance with the order of the Board of Aldermen authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept all grants on behalf of the City of New Haven (passed October 17, 1994), I am respectfully writing to advise the Honorable Board of an application by the City of New Haven Health Department to the U.S. Conference of Mayors in the amount of \$75,000.00. This proposal is being submitted by Mr. Kowalski of the Health Department in response to a Notice of Funding Availability. The objectives and work plan for this proposed program may be found within the attachments. The overall intent of the program is to provide remediation of lead contaminated soil and to enhance health educational outreach efforts towards the prevention of childhood lead poisoning. If funded the program shall be a joint effort with the New Haven Urban Resources Initiative, which is affiliated with the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

Program administration and direct services shall be provided by the Bureau of Environmental Health of the Health Department. Where necessary, other city departments and/or the Yale Lead Program shall assist with this proposed program.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

Kica Matos  
Community Services Administrator

**TAX ABATEMENT:**

From Anthony Brinley submitting a letter requesting assistance on a property tax debt that is owed to the city.

April 29, 2009

President, New Haven Board of Aldermen  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, Ct 06510

Dear Sir:

I am requesting your assistance in a matter concerning a property tax debt that I owe the City of New Haven. In 1994 I owned a 1974 Chevrolet Corvette for about 6 months. I was unable to drive it for long due to a disability that I got while I was in the military. I was awarded a disability by the Veterans Administration in November 1995.

In early 1996, I moved to East Haven and my Tax Bill was never forwarded to my new address. I have paid my property taxes every year in East Haven; however I was notified this year, when I tried to register my truck, that I owed taxes in New Haven. I realize that I owe the taxes on this vehicle, but I am on a fixed VA disability income of \$985 per month and I'm unable to pay the interest and penalty that have accrued over the years.

I am asking your help in this matter. If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely yours.

Anthony Brinley  
550 Main Street  
East Haven, CT 06512

**READ, PRINT, AND FILE**

The following were read for the first time, ordered printed in the Journal and filed in the Office of the City Clerk:

February 19, 2009

Board of Aldermen  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Honorable Board:

In accordance with our customary procedure, the attached reports on matters referred by your Honorable Board, adopted at the City Plan Commission's meeting of February 18, 2009, are forwarded for your consideration:

**RE: CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2009-2010 including proposed activities to be  
funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) community (Mayor DeStefano).

REPORT: 1425-09

ADVICE: Approval

RE: NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM LOCAL ACTION PLAN for Implementation of HUD's Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 in the City of New Haven, Authorization to execute all Documents Necessary to Implement Plan (Livable City Initiative).

REPORT: 1425-21

ADVICE: Approval

RE: 619 CONGRESS AVENUE, Authorization for Execution of all documents necessary to sell the Condominium Units at Three Sisters Condominium (Livable City Initiative)

REPORT: 1425-22

ADVICE: Approval

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn M. Gilvarg AIA  
Executive Director

#### FIRST READINGS

From Alderman Perez submitting a resolution of the New Haven Board of Aldermen urging and encouraging all of New Haven residents to participate and cooperate with efforts related to the 2010 Census.

May 4, 2009

Hon. Carl Goldfield  
President, New Haven Board of Aldermen  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510-2010

Dear President Goldfield:

Please find attached a resolution urging the citizens of New Haven to participate in the efforts related to the 2010 census.

As you are aware census results affect how billions of dollars are directed to local communities around the country and facilitate the planning of future roads, schools, hospitals and other vital community services.

As populations in urban centers are susceptible to undercounting without the work of an engaged and active citizenry, any effort we as board can take to ensure that the count in New Haven is accurate should be employed.

Hopefully, this resolution will serve as step to publicize the need and heighten the sensitivity of all our residents to participate in the 2010 census efforts current

underway.

Yours Truly,

Jorge L. Perez  
Ward 5, Alderman

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMEN URGING AND ENCOURAGING ALL OF NEW HAVEN RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE AND COOPERATE WITH EFFORTS RELATED TO THE 2010 CENSUS.**

**WHEREAS:** the decennial census effort for the year 2010 is currently underway; and

**WHEREAS:** census results affect how billions of dollars are directed to local communities around the country;

**WHEREAS:** census results are used to facilitate the planning of future roads, schools, hospitals and other vital community services; and

**WHEREAS:** populations in urban centers are susceptible to undercounting without the work of an engaged and active citizenry; and

**WHEREAS:** any actions that the New Haven Board Aldermen can take to ensure that the count in New Haven is accurate and all of our residents participate and cooperate should be supported; and

**WHEREAS:** one effort in that regard is for the Board of Aldermen and the City of New Haven go on record as an official 2010 Census Partners:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Haven Board of Aldermen urges and encourages all of New Haven's residents to participate and cooperate with all efforts related to the 2010 Census; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Haven Board of Aldermen and the City of New Haven be and hereby are official 2010 Census Partners and will take all appropriate action to achieve a complete and accurate 2010 Census Count.

**AIDERMANIC AFFAIRS. FAVORABLE. ORDER APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF HEIWA SALOVITZ TO THE NEW HAVEN COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES.**

**BE IT ORDERED** by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's reappointment of Heiwa Salovitz to the New Haven Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire on February 11, 2012 be and hereby is approved.

**AIDERMANIC AFFAIRS. FAVORABLE.. ORDER APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF BETH REISFELD TO THE NEW HAVEN HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

**BE IT ORDERED** by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's reappointment of Beth Reisfeld to the New Haven Homeless Advisory Commission for a term to expire on January 1, 2011 be and hereby is approved.

**AIDERMANIC AFFAIRS. FAVORABLE. ORDER APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ADETOKUNBO ANIFALAJE TO THE GREATER NEW HAVEN TRANSIT DISTRICT.**

**BE IT ORDERED** by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's appointment of Adetokunbo Anifalaje to the Greater New Haven Transit District for a term to expire on March 31, 2013 be and hereby is approved.

**AIDERMANIC AFFAIRS. FAVORABLE. ORDER APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JUSTIN T. BAGNATI TO THE GREATER NEW HAVEN TRANSIT DISTRICT.**

**BE IT ORDERED** by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the Mayor's appointment of Justin T. Bagnati to the Greater New Haven Transit District for a term to expire on March 31, 2011 be and hereby is approved.

**FINANCE. FAVORABLE. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE REQUIRED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2009 IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION #62 OF THE CHARTER.**

**BE IT ORDERED** by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the financial report for the month ended January 31, 2009, submitted by the Mayor pursuant to Section 62 of the Charter and Section 2-192 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of New Haven, Connecticut, be read and filed.

**FINANCE. FAVORABLE. ORDER TO READ AND FILE THE REQUIRED BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2009 IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION #62 OF THE CHARTER.**

**BE IT ORDERED** by the New Haven Board of Aldermen that the financial report for the month ended February 28, 2009, submitted by the Mayor pursuant to Section 62 of the Charter and Section 2-192 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of New Haven, Connecticut, be read and filed.

#### **SECOND READINGS**

**Legislation. FAVORABLE. ORDER TO READ and FILE** a report of the Democracy Fund Board for the year 2008 SUBMITTED BY Robert Wechsler of the New Haven Democracy Fund, as required by Section 2-823 of the Democracy Fund ordinance and Section 2 of the Democracy Fund Board Bylaws.

The favorable report of the Legislation Committee recommending passage of the proposed order, as printed on page 887 of the Journal of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on April 20, 2009, was read for the second time and upon motion made and duly seconded, it was voted, viva voce, that said report be accepted and proposed order be passed, and it was so declared by the Chair.

Alderman Lemar: "As many of you remember, behind the leadership of Alderman Goldfield and many other members of the Board of Aldermen, the State of Connecticut, after years of lobbying led again by Alderman Goldfield, allowed the City of New Haven to establish the first and still only publicly financed municipal elections in the state. The Democracy Fund Ordinance was enacted by this board March 5, 2007 and implemented in time for the 2008 mayoral race.

Robert Wechsler is the Fund Administrator, retained by the Board of Directors and paid by the Fund to implement the administrative provisions of the ordinance. He presented the report to the Legislation Committee on April 2nd and noted the following:

- The Fund started in FY 07-08 with \$400,000. Expenditures for the 2008 election were \$11,850 in matching funds to then candidate John DeStefano, \$5,575 to the Fund Administrator, and \$258.20 for refreshments at the debate. The Fund currently contains \$382,316.80. The requested appropriation for FY 2009-2010 is \$100,000 (though it does not appear in the mayor's budget).
- The Administrator drafted a revised candidate contract and other forms then approved by the Fund Board.
- The Administrator submitted technical changes to the ordinance, approved by the Fund Board.
- The Board reviewed the ordinance using experience of the 2008 mayoral election and findings from similar ordinances of comparable cities, and recommended several substantial changes (as well as technical amendments) to the Democracy Fund ordinance.

The full year report of 2008 is completed, as required by Section 2-823 of the Democracy Fund ordinance. I thank you for your support."

Legislation. Favorable. Ordinance amendment amending Article XI of the New Haven Code of Ordinances (Democracy Fund).

The favorable report of the Legislation Committee recommending passage of the proposed ordinance, as printed on pages 887-901 of the Journal of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on April 20, 2009, was read for the second time.

Alderman Lemar: "This is the substitution amendment containing the technical changes submitted by the Fund Administrator and some of the substantial changes recommended by the Fund Board approved by the Legislation Committee.

- The technical changes correct typographical errors and small changes made

for clarity and better organization of ideas.

- Technical changes also include duties shifted from the Fund Board to the Administrator for the sake of expediting the process. For example - under the definition of 'Contested Election', the Administrator may declare it as such when two candidates have raised \$5,000, rather than waiting for a board vote. Also the Administrator may approve candidate contracts rather than having those contracts voted on by the full board.

The Administrator presented 16 recommendations for changes to us, which would help the Democracy Fund work more fairly and efficiently. Of these, several would not require aldermanic action, some were already addressed by previously aldermanic actions, and several would require permission of the state. Of those remaining, the committee approved eight which are drafted into the substitution amendment. Those are:

- Additional reporting requirements, including supplementary reports beyond those now required, notice on receiving a part nomination or withdrawal from a race and money spent prior to making application to participate in the Democracy Fund.
- Minimum qualifying contribution level has been lowered to \$10 from the \$30 to get more people involved and make it easier for the candidate to qualify.
- Notification by a non-participating candidate who reaches 85% of the expenditure ceiling so that a participant may have a choice of a \$25,000 grant or for raising the expenditure ceiling for all candidates.
- Clarification of the contribution limits in the event that a primary collapses which is what happened in 2007. We clarified some of those rules to ensure that we're not making expenditures for primaries which do not occur.
- Clarification that write-in candidates can in fact get grants.
- Clarification that participating candidates may not make un-qualified donations or expenditures.
- We're removing timing restrictions on when a qualified candidate may receive a grant.
- Clarification that a participating candidate who wins a primary is automatically qualified for the general election.

Again, these are all things that during the first go around of administering the funds we recognized could present problems if we have a contested election. The recommendations made by Mr. Wechsler were full and complete. The Legislation Committee found them to be quite substantial and meaningful and, as such, I ask your support for the substitution amendment. Thank you."

**REPORT ACCEPTED. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ENACTED.**

Upon motion made and duly seconded, said ordinance amendment was put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

Those voting "AYE": Calder, James-Evans, Jackson-Brooks, Perez, Colon, Clark, Smart, Lemar, Brison, Antunes, Rhodeen, Sturgis-Pascale, J. Rodriguez, Castro, Paolillo, DePino, Blango, Jones, McCormack, Silverman, S. Rodriguez, Lehtonen, Sandman, Goldfield and Edmonds-Sepulveda - 25.

Those voting "NO": 0.

Said ordinance amendment was enacted by a majority vote of the Board of Aldermen, and it was so declared by the Chair.

Note: Alderman Morehead was absent from the Chamber at the time of the vote.

#### MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

#### POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

Alderman Joseph Rodriguez: "This past weekend, Saturday to be exact, a number of Fair Haven agencies and community leaders worked together to have a first ever Fair Haven neighborhood summit. It was held at the Fair Haven K-8 School. I want to commend the organizers for their tireless work and commitment. Over 65 residents came out including leaders and business individuals. So I commend them for all their work. It definitely was a huge success. We discussed neighborhood issues and, most importantly, community solutions. In the forthcoming months, we hopefully can get together to present a plan. Thank you."

Alderman Rhodeen: "I will be leaving Wednesday for my annual training for the army. I'm a drill sergeant in the unit in Waterbury. We'll be headed to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. I will be gone for 17 days. So I just want to thank my constituents and colleagues and especially my colleague from the 14th Ward who will cover in my absence. I look forward to seeing you all on the budget vote on May 26th."

Alderswoman Calder: "I just want to invite everyone here today to the annual Dwight Festival. It will be held this Saturday, May 9th, at 12:30 p.m. on the field behind Dwight School. We'll have food, we'll have fun, we'll have music, we'll have, hopefully, pony rides. We'll see if we can score that again this year. So we would love to see all of you come out. If there's anyone who's interested in participating in our 'My Favorite Poem' activity, please let me know. We're going to have people read their favorite poem and share with us why it's their favorite poem. So I hope to see you all Saturday, May 9th, behind Dwight School."

ADJOURNED      8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:      RON SMITH  
                 City Clerk