

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



Re: Request for support for event permits and approval of street closures

Dear President Walker-Myers:

April 19, 2021

We write to request Board of Alders support for the issuance of permits for union-community events planned soon and approval of street closures in connection with these events.

Along with Local 35, we represent nearly 5000 employees at Yale University. In our current contract talks, our top goals are to secure our jobs and protect our standard of pay and benefits. Our success will benefit New Haven, given that Yale is one of the largest employers in the region and good jobs are a foundation for a strong community. We also stand with many residents and community organizations calling on Yale to increase its commitment of resources to our City.

To further this campaign, we plan a public rally on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, starting at 5 pm. This will require a special event permit and the closure of Prospect Street between Grove and Edwards Streets that day from 12 noon to 8 pm, to allow for a safe event and time for set up and clean up.

We also plan to install a piece of public art in support of resident and community calls for Yale to respect New Haven. This will require a block party permit and the closure of Prospect Street between Grove and Lock Streets on Saturday, May 1, 2021, from 8 am to 4 pm.

We ask the Board of Alders to support the issuance of the required permits for these events and to approve the necessary street closures on the specified dates and times.

We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully yours,

Ken Suzuki, Secretary-Treasurer  
UNITE HERE Local 34

Barbara Vereen, Chief Steward & Staff Director  
Unite Here Local 34

Cc. Al Lucas, Director, Office of Legislative Services

ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS SUPPORTING EVENTS RELATED TO A UNION AND COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN AND APPROVING STREET CLOSURES RELATED TO THOSE EVENTS

WHEREAS Locals 34 and 35 represent nearly 5000 workers at Yale, one of the largest employers in our region, and good jobs are a foundation for a strong community; and

WHEREAS a fair contract between Locals 34 and 35 and Yale University will benefit New Haven; and

WHEREAS the New Haven Board of Alders has joined with many residents and community organizations calling on Yale to increase its commitment of resources to our City; and

WHEREAS union and community leaders are planning a public rally on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, to further the call for Yale to settle fair contracts and to make a greater contribution to the City; and

WHEREAS this event will require a special event permit and the closure of Prospect Street between Grove and Edwards Streets on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, from 12 noon to 8 pm; and

WHEREAS event organizers also plan to install a piece of public art in support of this campaign, which will require a block party permit and the closure of Prospect Street between Grove and Lock Streets on Saturday, May 1, 2021, from 8 am to 4 pm.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Haven Board of Alders supports the issuance of permits required for these events and approves the related street closures specified above.