

Board of Alderpersons Vision Statement 2012-13
Citywide Legislative Policy and Governance Agenda

We will pursue a citywide agenda to address the crises we face. The undersigned members of the New Haven Board of Alderpersons will strive to enact and support local policies that make New Haven a vibrant, safe, and affordable place to live for all of the city's residents. New development and economic growth are important to everyone who lives and works in New Haven. For the whole city to succeed and thrive, we must address the needs of everyone in the city—from those who struggle to make ends meet, to those who drive economic growth, and everyone in between. As we make progress on these items and as new items come to our attention from constituents, we may expand on the priorities below.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY AGENDA

- **JOB**S: Expand access to good jobs in the public and private sector to all New Haven residents, with specific focus on under-resourced neighborhoods, through the creation and implementation of a jobs pipeline.
- **YOUTH**: Improve and increase the entire spectrum and quality of services and opportunities through a comprehensive youth agenda for the city.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY, CRIME & VIOLENCE**: Address crime and violence through strict mechanisms of accountability, support effective community policing strategies, and promote complete streets initiatives.

GOVERNANCE AGENDA

- **CONSTITUENT SERVICES/QUALITY OF LIFE**: As alderpersons, we will strive to improve the quality of life in New Haven neighborhoods in a proactive and timely fashion, enhancing and strengthening day-to-day constituent services in our wards, while seeking to involve more residents in the process of improving the livability of our communities.
- **COMMITMENT TO FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**: Before looking to taxpayers and city employee to solve any potential budget crisis we will:
 - Examine the proposed City budget for every opportunity to save taxpayer dollars
 - Prioritize community needs
 - Seek opportunities for additional revenue
 - Develop strategies for smart spending and responsible contracting (previous examples of the Board's success in this area include cost savings for energy purchases, copier contracts, and putting out to bid administration of health care plans)

NEXT STEPS

Beginning to solve the City's problems is urgent. Over the coming weeks, we will publicly be presenting specific proposals that are going to be based on thousands of conversations with our constituents and each other. Today we begin by announcing two initiatives:

1. The creation of a Jobs Pipeline Program Working Group with a ninety day deadline to develop a strategic plan.
2. A resolution requesting the Civil Service Board to increase the points awarded to qualifying New Haven residents from 5 to 10 points.