Hon. Board of Alders

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Dear Colleagues:

You are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic has put the economy in the equivalent of a recession, and impacted businesses of all types, level and sizes.

Companies laid off and furloughed many of their employees and halted activity by many of their contractors and temporary, part time and seasonal workers and those that were kept on despite being asset limited and income constrained continue to take on tremendous risk in order to support everyone else.

It is important that they know that the Board of Alders supports them and that we will continue to push for getting financial resources to these individuals and families who need it most to pay for food, utilities, and other necessities.

Therefore, the attach resolution is submitted to demonstrate that we in New Haven support the low wage, low income and hourly workers suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic and to inspire more efforts that provide them with assistance.

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS SUPPORTING LOW WAGE, LOW INCOME AND HOURLY WORKERS SUFFERING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND EFFORTS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ASSISTANCE TO GET THEM THROUGH THIS CRISIS.

WHEREAS: the COVID-19 pandemic has put the economy in the equivalent of a recession; and

WHEREAS: this economic downfall impacted businesses of all types, level and sizes; and

WHEREAS: as a result, companies laid off and furloughed many of their employees and halted activity by many of their contractors and temporary, part time and seasonal workers; and

WHEREAS: the vast majority of these employees, workers, and contractors to suffer this fate were those with the smallest safety net as they are low wage, low income, and hourly workers many in the bricks-and-mortar retail, restaurant and hotel sectors, non-profits, and arts and

WHEREAS: this group makes up a significant portion of the workforce that is deemed essential and critical for society to continue to function; and

WHEREAS: despite being asset limited and income constrained those that continue to work are taking on tremendous risk in order to support everyone else; and

WHEREAS: most low wage workers live in the neighborhoods of need and will need ongoing support such and the New Haven Creative Sector Relief Fund, the Yale Community Fund For New Haven and the Connecticut United Way’s COVID-19 Response Fund represent small but important short term steps demonstrating that our community values this group; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Alders supports these funds plan to deploy financial resources to individuals and families who need it most to pay for food, utilities, and other basic necessities; and

WHEREAS: the record should clearly demonstrate that we in New Haven support the low wage, low income and hourly workers suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts that provide them with assistance; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS THAT THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS expresses its support for low wage, low income , hourly, part time, seasonal and contract workers suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to provide them with assistance to get them through this crisis.