



## CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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### **RE: Certification of Emergency**

President Tyisha Walker-Myers:

I am writing regarding an opportunity for the City to purchase the former State Department of Transportation's District 3A offices at 424 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT for the purchase price of two million one hundred one thousand dollars and zero cents (\$2,101,000.00). The City intends to use the property for the purpose of office space for the City and/or City agencies, City operations and/or the storage of equipment. Attached is a letter from Giovanni Zinn, P.E., City Engineer regarding the specifics of this purchase, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Immediate action of the Board of Alders is required because the deadline for the State to convey this property is governed by Section 3-14b of the Connecticut General Statutes. In the case of the conveyance of 424 Chapel Street, the closing must take place on or before June 23, 2021. It would be in the City's best interest to take advantage of this opportunity. Given the impending deadline, I hereby declare that this closing must proceed on an emergency basis. Please consider this as a certification that this purchase is of an emergency nature pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 3.B of the Charter.

In order to complete the purchase within the deadline, I am calling a Special Meeting of the Board of Alders on Monday, June 21, 2021, pursuant to my authority under Art. III Sec. 2.A.(4) of the Charter. I am further requesting that the Board of Alders expedite this process by holding the First and Second Readings at the Special Meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021 as permitted by Art. IV, Sec. 3.B. of the Charter and Sec. 24 (3) of the Rules of the Board of Alders. This process will allow the Board of Alders to vote on the issuance of a timely Order pursuant to Charter Art. IV, Sec. 4.B.(1) authorizing the purchase of the 424 Chapel Street property. If this conveyance is not completed by June 23, 2021 the City will lose its opportunity to acquire this much-needed property.

Thank you very much for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

Justin Elicker

Mayor