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*The vision of New Haven's children
is our city's greatest resource.**

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW HAVEN:

The City of New Haven will initiate the **application process for the 2010-2011 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development Programs** - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) - by hosting two public meetings:

Monday, October 26, 2009

165 Church Street, 2nd floor, Mtg. Rms. 1 & 2

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m

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Tuesday, October 27, 2009

165 Church Street, 2nd floor, Mtg. Rms. 1 & 2

10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

It is strongly recommended that interested 501(c) 3 parties attend one of the scheduled meetings. During the public meetings, applications will be distributed and City staff will provide an application overview, discuss regulatory requirements, past performance and future goals, objectives and funding priorities. Staff will also be available to respond to questions and/or concerns about the application process and any of the Consolidated Plan programs. Administrative requirements for performance, accountability, transparency and outcomes will also be discussed.

The legislative intent of these federally funded programs is to support activities that benefit extremely low, low and moderate income persons and households (between 0 and 80% of the area median), as part of an overall community development effort. The City of New Haven seeks to assure that the federal resources provided are utilized in a logical, directed fashion, in combination with other resources to accomplish the goals, objectives and priorities created through a citizen participation process. To this end, the application includes a list of eligible activities and city-specific objectives and funding priorities that are consistent with Federal eligibility guidelines.

The City is in the process of updating its Five Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development which includes a description of community needs; a five-year strategy; goals, objectives, and priorities. During the public meetings, the goals, objectives and priorities from the City's current Five Year Plan: 2005-2009 will be available for review, discussion, and comment. The City is looking for comment on the goals, objectives, and priorities; suggestions for potential development strategies; and for the identification of community needs as part of the consolidated plan update process. The goals, objectives and priorities, as revised, will guide the city's funding allocations for the upcoming program



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year. Public community meetings will be held to discuss Consolidated Plan revisions over the upcoming months. The 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan is also available for review on the City's website at www.cityofnewhaven.com/Finance/pdfs/2005-2009ConsolidatedPlan.pdf.

The **deadline for submitting** complete applications to the
Office of Management & Budget,
165 Church Street, 3rd Floor,
will be 5:00 p.m.,
Tuesday, November 24, 2009.

No applications will be accepted by OMB after the deadline. Applications that are incomplete will be subject to rejection without appeal. **DO NOT DUPLICATE APPLICATIONS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED.** Applications will be available on the city's website www.cityofnewhaven.com under **Government / Budgets & Finance** or in the Office of Management and Budget as of **Monday, October 26, 2009.**

Following an administrative review period, recommendations will be submitted to the Board of Aldermen and referred to the Joint Committee on Community Development and Human Resources for consideration. The recommendations will also be considered as part of the City's overall budget request for General, Special and Capital Budget Funds for FY 2010-2011. Public hearings to receive citizens' comments will be scheduled by the Aldermanic Joint Community Development and Human Resources Committee.

Concurrently, the City has also recently completed the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY2008-2009. The CAPER and the 2005-2009 Five Year Consolidated Plan are available for public review at the following community substations:

Downtown	165 Church Street
Westville	329 Valley Street
Hill South	410 Howard Avenue
Dwight/Chapel	150 Edgewood Avenue
Hill North	88-90 Hallock Street
Dixwell	28 Charles Street
Newhallville	596 Winchester Avenue
Fair Haven	295 Blatchley Avenue
East Shore	830 Woodward Avenue
Beaver Hills	386 Whalley Avenue

Copies are also available for review at the City Town Clerk's Office, the New Haven Public Library (Main Branch), the City's Economic Development Administrator's Office, Livable City Initiative, and the Office of Management & Budget. The CAPER is also available for viewing on the City's web page (www.cityofnewhaven.com under Government / Budgets & Finance). Any public comments should be directed to the Office of Management & Budget, 165 Church Street, 3rd Floor, New Haven, CT 06510.

I look forward to your participation in our community development process.

Very truly yours,

John DeStefano, Jr.
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