

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS Designating the corner of Bristol Street and Ashmun Street as "Christine Alexander Corner." (Alder Jeanette Morrison)

**REPORT:** 1530-10

**ADVICE:** Approval

### BACKGROUND

Christine Alexander, who passed away in 2011, founded New Haven Reads and served as its Executive Director. The program seeks to share the joy and power of reading, and increase the literacy skills of children to empower their academic success by providing one-on-one tutoring, educational family support, and a community book bank, all at no cost to participants. For her work, Christine was chosen as one of two recipients of the 2008 national United Way of America Volunteer of the Year Award. New Haven Reads is now one of the state's largest literacy programs for K-12 students, with more than 400 volunteers now tutoring more than 500 students weekly at the main Bristol Street location and three other city sites.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

More than 310 New Haven residents signed a petition asking the City to name the corner of Bristol Street and Ashmun Street in honor of Christine Alexander.

### ADVICE

The Commission finds the Order in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

**ADOPTED:** May 17, 2017  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA  
Executive Director