

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Calling for support of New Lighthouse Ministries Inc.'s request to close a portion of Columbus Avenue, between Howard Avenue and Cedar Street on Saturday, August 20, 2016 during the hours of 11:00 am to 5:30 pm for the annual Taste of the Caribbean Festival. (Lighthouse Ministries, Inc.)

REPORT: 1518-10

ADVICE: Approval pending receiving signatures from 50 percent of affected residents/businesses

BACKGROUND

For the past five years, New Lighthouse Ministries Inc. has hosted an outreach festival as a way of bringing the community together. This year New Lighthouse Ministries Inc. would like to close a section of Columbus Avenue, between Howard Avenue and Cedar Street, from the hours of 11 :00 AM to 5:30 PM for the Taste of the Caribbean Festival scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2016.; and

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

To close a main artery of the city, the Code of Ordinances requires the approval of the Board of Alders, the support of the Alder of the ward where the street closing will occur, and signatures from 50 percent of tenants who will be affected. Vehicle traffic on weekends during August, when Yale is on vacation and most downtown offices are closed, is also lighter than usual. Closing two blocks of Columbus Avenue is not expected to have a negative impact on traffic on surrounding streets.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Order in the best interest of the City and recommends approval, pending receiving signatures from 50 percent of affected residents/businesses.

ADOPTED: May 19, 2016
Adam Marchand
Acting Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director