## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS designating the corner of Wooster Place and RE:

> Greene Street as "St. Michael's Church Corner" to honor St. Michael's Church, an outstanding institution in our community, which recently celebrated a major milestone. (Alder Aaron

Greenburg)

**REPORT:** 1513-12 **ADVICE:** Approval

## BACKGROUND

St. Michael's Church, located at 29 Wooster Place in the Wooster Square neighborhood, was established in 1889 as the first Italian-American Catholic Church in Connecticut. Last year, this historic institution celebrated an important milestone, marking its 125th year as a pillar of the community and as a spiritual haven for the growing Italian immigrant community that settled into New Haven at the turn of the century. The church has remained an important and much loved resource at the heart of the Wooster Square neighborhood, both as a vibrant place of worship and a spiritual resource for the entire city.

## PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

To honor the historic church, nearly 400 New Haven residents signed a petition asking the City to name the corner of Wooster Place and Greene Street as "St. Michael's Church Corner."

## **ADVICE**

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

ADOPTED:

December 16, 2015

**Edward Mattison** 

Chair

ATTEST:

Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA

Executive Director