

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the mayor to apply for and accept funding from the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for the Construction of the new Dixwell Community Center—"Q House." (City Engineer)

REPORT: 1515-10

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

On January 29, 2016, the State Bonding Commission made bond funds available in the amount of \$14,500,000 for the construction of the new Q-House. The proposed action authorizes the mayor to apply for and accept these funds to build the Q House and provide a community resource in the Dixwell neighborhood.

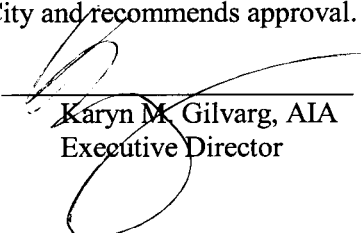
PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The City of New Haven has worked closely to with the community to realize the vision for a new Dixwell Community Center ("Q-House"). The new Q-House will consist of the new community center spaces (including a revamped senior center), a new facility for the Willis K. Stetson Branch Library (part of the New Haven Free Public Library), and space to house a Health Center or other compatible use. Design on the new Q-House has been progressing thanks to a \$1 million grant from the CT Department of Social Services, previously authorized by the Board of Alders. Developing effective programming and staffing at a renovated Q-House are to promote community interaction and year-round indoor recreational opportunities are specific recommendations that were included within the *Vision 2025* Comprehensive Plan.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: February 17, 2016
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
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Executive Director