

**NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT**

**RE:** **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to execute and deliver a five (5) year ground lease by and between Gather New Haven, Inc. and the City of New Haven for community gardens at various locations within the City of New Haven. (Livable City Initiative)

**REPORT:** 1630-08  
**ADVICE:** Approval

**BACKGROUND**

The Livable City Initiative (“LCI”) is submitting for communication an Order requesting a lease (the "Lease Agreement") between Gather New Haven, Inc. (the "Gather New Haven") and the City of New Haven (the "City"). Gather New Haven operates community gardens to serve the residents of our City. The Community gardens contribute to the vitality of our neighborhood by engaging residents and strengthening our community, improving our health, and protecting the environment. The Land Trust and New Haven Farms have previously leased, and, or licensed land from the City of New Haven for terms of five (5) years for a rent of \$1.00 per annum and the current lease will expire on June 30, 2023. The City proposes the execution and delivery of a five (5) year Ground Lease between the Gather New Haven, Inc. and the City of New Haven with respect to the following properties: 11-13 Ann Street, 280 Goffe Street, 49 Bassett Street, 117 Bristol Street, 211 Rosette Street, 145 Davenport Avenue, 216-220 English Street, 613-619 Ferry Street, 8-10 Arthur Street, 12 Arthur Street, 221- 225 Shelton Avenue, 255 Shelton Avenue, 257 Shelton Ave, 138 Ivy St, 66 Liberty Street, 24-26 Adeline Street, 28 Adeline Street, 36 Redfield Street, 42 Shelter Street, 96 Shepard Street, 358 Blatchley Avenue, 226 - 228 Starr Street, 242 - 248 Starr Street, 47 Stevens Street, 60-62 Truman Street, 64-66 Truman Street, 170 Ward Street, 56 William Street

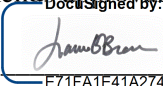
**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

On January 1, 2020, New Haven Farms and New Haven Land Trust merged into a single organization, now known as Gather New Haven. Since 2012, New Haven Farms and New Haven Land Trust, now Gather New Haven, have operated approximately 5 farms and more than 45 community gardens on land owned by the City of New Haven. These sites are used to serve the residents of New Haven through farming and offering educational opportunities regarding organic sustainable practices surrounding farming, health, and nutrition. The farms enhance the surrounding neighborhoods by providing recreational and educational opportunities for community members and increasing local rain water absorption through the various permeable surfaces that exist throughout the sites. It also fulfills the Comprehensive Plan goal of enabling urban farm siting locations and supporting commercial food production in all zones of the city, including industrial zones.

**ADVICE**

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

**ADOPTED:** April 19, 2023  
Leslie Radcliffe  
Chair

**ATTEST:**  April 24, 2023 | 9:31 AM EDT  
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Laura E Brown  
Executive Director, City Plan Department