



**CITY OF NEW HAVEN
BOARD OF ALDERS**

May 25, 2020

Hon. Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, New Haven Board of Alders
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Tyisha Walker-Myers,

We are writing to request a Public Hearing concerning the Mayor of the City New Haven Connecticut, eliminating Advance Life Support Services (Paramedic Services) from the New Haven Fire Department. We includes myself Kenneth V Oliver Jr and Rev. Dr. Bosie Kimber. This essential service being eliminated would be detrimental to the Citizens / Residents of New Haven of all Nationalities. However, it would be extremely detrimental to the African-American and the Hispanic Communities across this City. The elimination of this Service also will affect the Visitors, College Students, and City Workers who will be deprived of this essential service that has been supplied by the Fire Department since 1976.

This hearing will allow the Residents and their Families, and Members of the Public that have benefited by this Advance Life Service to Speak on the adverse effects of this service being eliminated. It would also allow those that are knowledgeable of the Emergency Medical Services to explain the System and how it works. Decisions have been made by those who have very limited knowledge of how the Emergency Medical System in the State of Connecticut works.

Because the Honorable Board of Alders is scheduled to vote on the budget soon and this elimination is to take effect by July 1, 2020. It is extremely important that this Public hearing take place as soon as possible. It has been stated that there were three hearing sessions. However unless you have access to the Zoom System and were able to get the link and password in advance the General Public was not able to have access to these meetings. Had we been able to have normal hearings in set locations as in the past more of the public would have been able to respond.

Respectfully Submitted,
In Service of the Public,
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