

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** approving the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget and imposing a levy as municipal tax levy for the Grand Avenue Special Services District.

REPORT: **1583-09**
ADVICE: **Approve**

BACKGROUND

New Haven Board of Aldermen established the Grand Avenue Special Services District by ordinance (incorporated into the Code of General Ordinances of the City of New Haven, Connecticut as Chapter 37) enacted on February 9, 2009. Section 37-4(c) of said ordinances provides in part that when the Board of Commissioners of the District in a timely manner recommends to the Board of Aldermen a levy upon taxable interest in real property within said district, it shall be the obligation of this Board to impose such levy as a municipal levy.

The Commissioners have approved an annual budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and have recommended a levy of 1.25 mills upon taxable interests in real property within the district. It is found and determined that the Commissioners of the Grand Avenue Special Services, in a timely fashion.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The goal of the Grand Avenue Special Services District, like the other SSDs in the City, as exemplified by years of work, is to create a physical environment along Grand Avenue where beautification, lighting, and growth of the businesses enhance the area. The Commission endorses the concept of a Special Services District in neighborhoods with a commercial core. It believes that such districts can effectively promote economic development and neighborhood interests.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: April 21, 2021
 Leslie Radcliffe
 Chair

ATTEST: *Aicha Woods*
 Aicha Woods
 Executive Director, City Plan Department