



Dear Neighbor,

This year was busy with committee work, budget hearings, and meetings with many of you about your concerns.

We celebrated wins in housing. The ‘wins’ here represent only part of the housing activity. These were generated locally and supported by state funding.

I also successfully fought for new dollars for our food banks, education, and improvements to our quality of life.

In process: Federal cuts to medical research threaten innovation in bioscience, jobs, and our economy. Some cuts were reportedly restored, but it isn’t clear if dollars will be released to Connecticut by the end of the year.

We are still evaluating the effects of all the Federal budget cuts on our community and our state budget. We will be tested in the coming months, but based on our teamwork this year, I am guardedly hopeful. Thank you for your activism.

Thank you for your support and confidence.

FUNDING INCREASES TO NEW HAVEN

	FY 2025	FY 2026
CITY FUNDING	\$131,605,538	\$147,364,713 (+\$15,759,175)
EDUCATION FUNDING	\$169,238,796	\$170,824,330 (+\$1,585,534)



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BIG WINS FOR NEW HAVEN

- ◆ Progress on Affordable Housing
- ◆ Increase for Special Education
- ◆ Built Environment Improvements
- ◆ Statewide Early Childhood Education Endowment
- ◆ Public Safety

PROTECTED THE ENVIRONMENT

- Regulated the use of rodenticides.
- Set new state climate goals for greenhouse gas reduction.
- Prohibited using a pesticide that has any neonicotinoid unless the DEEP commissioner determines that there is no other effective control option.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- We secured \$500,000 to plan a response to flooding on lower Westville Village, and I participated in the stakeholder meetings.
- City Hall has assured me the work to remedy flooding on Forest Road will move forward. Safety is at risk in severe storms, and homeowners property was damaged. Our state budget had included \$1 million in bonding.
- The bridge in Edgewood Park was repaired, improving safety. Funds were allocated by the state delegation to improve several parks.

A BALANCED BUDGET

THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WE:

- Delivered the Single Greatest Investment in Children in Connecticut's History
- Made Historic Investments in Special Education including \$3,703,680 for New Haven over 2 years

WE DELIVERED TARGETED, MEANINGFUL RELIEF AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES THROUGH FAIRER TAX POLICIES:

- Established an Enhanced Tax Credit for Families
- Supported Childcare Providers
- Helped Families Save For College
- Expanded Capital for Special Education Infrastructure
- Invested in Our Workforce and Residents



IN THE NEWS

- * Celebrated Three Kings Day at Casa Otonal
- * Hosted 100 Black Women and 100 Black Men legislative forum at LOB
- * Honored by Marrakech with Founders' Community Partner Award
- * Tossed kale for City Seed opening of Edgewood and Wooster Square markets
- * Read to nine-year-olds at annual LEAP event on the Green
- * Spoke at a vigil in the Hill grieving the loss of a young man
- * Celebrated expansion of Fair Haven Community Health Center
- * Met with leadership at City Hall about city's commitment to upper Whalley businesses
- * Joined in a parade to honor neighbor, Tyler Booker, first draft pick of Dallas Cowboys

HOUSING PROGRESS

- Saved supportive housing on the Boulevard thanks to quick response from the state Dept. of Housing and DECD. Over 100 people could have been homeless.
- Were successful in securing CIF dollars for affordable housing units in Dwight.
- Celebrated Curtis Cofield II Estates, the product of many years of teamwork, and the result of the persistence of local advocates and elected officials, and financed partly by the state Dept. of Housing and DECD's brownfields programs.



FUNDED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Increased funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers.
- Provided cost-of-living increases to community nonprofit providers.
- Funded millions of dollars for food banks.

PROTECTED PUBLIC SAFETY

- Empowered towns to regulate and penalize street racing and takeovers by seizing and destroying confiscated vehicles. Also allow two-year license suspensions.
- Required people under 21 to wear helmets while on a motorcycle.