Dear Neighbors and Friends!

As October continues, troubling, ongoing, and distinctly unique circumstances more than 1,500 miles apart juxtapose the needs of many against the whims of a few. In each case, New Haven finds itself in a crucial role, in which generous, insightful city residents keep working to resolve the matter.

In Puerto Rico, nearly four weeks after Hurricane Maria pummeled the island and disrupted the lives of millions, the electricity, fresh water, and communications infrastructure remains in shambles. While Texas and Florida rebound from hurricanes Harvey and Irma, respectively (4.4 million Florida residents had power restored within ten days), 3.5 million Americans on Puerto Rico continue to languish.

From the start, however, New Haven residents jumped into action. Proceeds from a high school football game, proactive solicitations by police officers and firefighters, promotion of a ‘GoFundMe’ account, and a donation option on the Arte, Inc. Web site have generated some $85,000 and thousands of pounds of supplies. And the campaign continues.

These humanitarian efforts by so many city residents — on behalf of struggling friends, family members, and in some cases, former neighbors — speaks to the character, heart, and spirit of New Haven.

Some 1,600 miles north of San Juan, in Hartford, state legislators stubbornly remain unresolved in a state budget stalemate – in its fourth month now – that deny New Haven, and cities and towns statewide, with state aid for education and other essential services.

Members of the city’s legislative delegation, Senate President Looney, Senator Winfield, and Representatives Dillon, Walker, Candelaria, Porter, Paolillo, and Lumar, backed by social services advocates and proponents of public sector programs, continue their fight for the financial needs of New Haven and the other Connecticut cities.

In these two scenarios, New Haven perpetuates its legacy as a city in which conscientious people act on faith and work to improve the lives of so many beyond their sightlines and the city line. I couldn’t be more proud of this city and its people.

With best wishes,
Toni N. Harp | Mayor

PEOPLE OF NEW HAVEN PROVIDE HURRICANE RELIEF FOR PUERTO RICO

In the weeks since Hurricane María crippled Puerto Rico, activists from all corners of New Haven have rallied to generate donations and provide emergency relief. Mayor Harp, local legislators, other city officials and advocates have, to date, helped raise some $85,000 to help restore balance for millions of disrupted lives on that island.

Mayor Harp emphasized the ability of local government to coordinate a relief effort, which included the city’s public school system, police and fire departments, and grassroots groups like JUNTA for progressive action, SAMA, and ARTE Inc.

“The generous spirit built into New Haven residents is made abundantly clear time and again when people are in need,” Mayor Harp said at a press conference to promote the cooperative initiative. “This time, once again, the desperate need of millions of fellow Americans in Puerto Rico prompts a comprehensive effort to help from people in New Haven.”

Hurricane María is just one step removed from a personal crisis for many city residents who have family, friends, and former neighbors in Puerto Rico. For example, Latino and Latina students comprise the largest demographic in New Haven Public Schools; last year the district recruited teachers and administrators from Puerto Rico to strengthen...
CITY HOSTS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The City of New Haven and the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies co-hosted a conference on urban sustainability this past week. Its theme, ‘Forging University-Municipality Partnerships Toward Urban Sustainability,’ underscored the joint research, planning, and implementation of climate action, green transportation, and coastal resilience.

“Given our physical position within the City of New Haven, as our campus is spread across and interwoven throughout the city, we acknowledge that the city’s challenges are Yale’s challenges, and are committed to working with our community partners to address these,” Dr. Peter Salovey, President of Yale University, said in his opening remarks.

The conference included representatives from cities and universities across the nation, showcasing several joint, ‘town/gown’ efforts to develop greener transportation alternatives, storm water resilience, and climate action. Panelists described how these collaborations positively impact not just environmental quality, but public health, municipal and university budgets, and developing industries.

As part of her presentation, Mayor Harp detailed one project in which the city’s engineering, public works, and parks ‘n’ rec departments are working with the Yale School of Forestry and its Urban Resources Initiative to install bioswales throughout the city. Mayor Harp explained that these ecological drainage systems not only reduce the volume of storm water runoff — by increasing absorption — but filter and cleanse the runoff that eventually flows into streams, rivers, and Long Island Sound.

“In New Haven, we are united — the academic community and its host community — in our mutual desire to advance the cause of accountability and responsibility regarding this planet,” Mayor Harp said.

The City of New Haven and Yale University recently celebrated 300 years of coexistence. At last week’s conference, their partnership was in the spotlight for setting a new standard for city-university joint efforts to advance the cause of environmental sustainability.

The Yale School of Medicine was among the first medical schools in the world to offer formal training to Physician Assistants and continues to teach students eager to join that profession.

Amazon asked bidders to identify up to 8 million square feet of office and warehouse space for its new headquarters; the New Haven/Bridgeport bid identified more that twice that to give Amazon options within the region.

NEW HAVEN AND BRIDGEPORT CHAMPION REGIONAL RELATIONSHIP

New Haven and Bridgeport, Connecticut’s two largest cities, have joined forces to galvanize the region’s economy. New Haven Mayor Toni N. Harp and Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim are leading the way, working to build relationships with high-level employers such as Amazon and MGM to bring more jobs to New Haven and Bridgeport.

Faced with the prospect of uncertain state support, Mayors Harp and Ganim are courting these companies touting creative, regional approaches. With the same spirit of innovation that drives Amazon’s success, New Haven and Bridgeport decided to combine their cities’ considerable assets to make their plan for Amazon’s second headquarters stand out. Mayor Harp praised the “Bridgehaven” plan, “with exceptional access to domestic and international markets through a robust, multi-modal transportation system, with a highly-qualified workforce, and with top-ranked colleges and universities to refill the talent pool.”

Continuing the focus on fostering strong regional bonds, Mayor Harp is all-aboard Bridgeport’s plan to open a world-class MGM Resort after negotiating the creation of a companion MGM job-training center in New Haven. This job-training center would lead to thousands of employment opportunities throughout the New Haven region, and primarily at the nearby, entertainment facility and tourist destination.

Mayors Harp and Ganim also hope their partnership will facilitate the creation of countless support businesses and add to the new economic hubs created by these large companies.

The MGM resort proposal and the bid to win placement of the new Amazon complex are just the first opportunities sought by the New Haven/Bridgeport regional partnership, according to the two mayors. Each pledges to continue working together toward other ideas and initiatives that would capitalize on the compelling assets of each, compounded by the collaboration.
SHORELINE UPGRADES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, AMENITIES

Mayor Harp made two separate, and quite distinct trips to the New Haven shoreline a couple weeks ago, first to announce a special FEMA designation for the city, and then that same afternoon, to showcase the newly renovated information center on Long Wharf.

That morning, Mayor Harp received from the Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency (FEMA) special recognition for the city’s perfect score on protections put into place against flooding, sea rise, and storm surges.

New Haven and Stamford are the only two cities in Connecticut to receive such a high-level distinction; the designation could translate into reduced flood insurance rates – up to 15 percent – for owners of flood-prone property. Those owners are encouraged to research the prospect with individual insurance agents.

This recognition comes after several years of emergency preparedness work, a long-term initiative of Mayor Harp. Concurrent with recent devastation in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico, and mindful of the forecast for more severe storms, hurricanes, and flooding, the importance of emergency preparedness cannot be overstated.

“The city’s maritime heritage is a cornerstone of its history and its Achilles heel – in New Haven there are about 1,900 acres

within 100-year flood zones,” Mayor Harp said. “My administration is working to protect susceptible private property, invaluable public infrastructure, and the aesthetic beauty of this shoreline.”

That afternoon Mayor Harp helped open the new Long Wharf Information Center and Snack Shack. The partnership between the city and a local restaurateur revitalized the facility that had been closed for more than ten years.

“I hope everyone appreciates – the way I do – how this part of the city is transformed, not only with new facilities for food trucks, but with a shoreline bike trail, the new boathouse just down the block, a new, extended stay hotel across the way and a new, destination furniture store, too,” Mayor Harp said at the ceremonial ribbon cutting. “We’re very excited about the transformed Long Wharf area.”

Luisa DeLauro served on the New Haven Board of Aldermen longer than anyone else – ever. She served for 35 years, from 1965 – 2000.

Connecticut has the dubious distinction of being the only state in the nation without an adopted budget. The Hartford stalemate has now extended well into the second quarter of the fiscal year.

NEW HAVEN COMBATS CLIMATE CHANGE IN CAR FREE CHALLENGE

Go New Haven Go, a local, grassroots organization committed to greener transportation, held its fourth annual Car Free Challenge in September. Mayor Harp joined city officials, students, activists, and other New Haven residents at the launch to underscore their support and enthusiasm.

During the month-long Car Free Challenge, participants pledge to track their ‘car-free’ trips to work. Go New Haven Go partners with local businesses to sponsor prizes for those who log the most trips using methods other than single-occupancy commuting by car. Businesses also compete against one another to find the greenest way for employees to get to work. By measuring how people walked, cycled, and carpooled to work for a whole month, Go New Haven Go is able to demonstrate how minor changes in routine can make a major difference.

The first Go New Haven Go Car Free Challenge was held in the first year of Mayor Harp’s tenure. In the first three years it already spared more than 165 tons of CO2 emissions, burned more than 2,000,000 calories, and saved participants over $200,000 in transportation costs.

Environmental sustainability and green energy promotion are among the policy priorities of the Harp administration, and the Car Free Challenge is a unique way to involve residents in greener, cleaner, and less expensive energy consumption. In partnership with Go New Haven Go and other advocates, the city has expanded bike lanes, installed rooftop solar arrays, and switched to low-consumption LED lighting in city buildings and on streets. Earlier this year, New Haven joined cities around the world pledging to abide by emissions levels set by the Paris Climate Accord.

New Haven’s innovative leadership in reducing carbon emissions prompted an invitation for Mayor Harp to describe many of these strategies at the annual mayors’ summit on smart cities and energy technologies last month in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Mayor Harp was one of seventeen mayors nationwide chosen to present their initiatives on environmental protection and energy efficiency.
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programs for English Language Learners and better serve these city residents.

Throughout her tenure, Mayor Harp’s administration has helped underserved communities and helping those that would otherwise be left behind. Most notably, in 2014, Mayor Harp formed a task force that raised funds, purchased two ambulances, filled them with medical supplies, and sent them to Freetown, Sierra Leone – New Haven’s sister city – to combat the Ebola outbreak.

Now, New Haven continues its commitment to help those in need. Individual donations to Puerto Rico relief can be made at www.arte-inc.com or at https://www.gofundme.com/new-haven-for-puerto-rico. Interested individuals can also send e-mail to arte-inc@comcast.net for more information. In addition, three more special events are planned to add to the local relief effort:

October 19th @ 7 PM
Collins Auditorium
Notre Dame High School
Music from Latin America
Tickets: Adults – $10; Children – $5

October 22nd @ 11 AM – 4 PM
NH Fire Department ‘Signal 4’
Vandome
102 Hamilton Street | New Haven

NEW HAVEN BIDS
FAREWELL TO ICONIC
LUISA DELAUNO

Last month New Haven bid a fond, wistful farewell to one of its most beloved and accomplished residents, Luisa DeLauro. Throughout her 103 years, Luisa DeLauro was a steadfast, outspoken figure in the community, a champion for women’s participation in politics, and a role model along those same lines: the longest-serving alder in New Haven history.

“Louisa DeLauro was an iconic New Havener – her life was characterized by hard work, love for family, and public service,” Mayor Harp remembered. “She mentored countless women throughout her career – I served with her on the Board of Aldermen in the 1980s – and the entire city will miss her indefatigable, pioneering spirit.”

In her lifetime, Luisa DeLauro helped transform politics from a male-dominated world to one in which a woman’s voice can be heard and respected. The legacy of Luisa DeLauro continues in the work and career of her only child, U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro, who has served in Congress continuously since 1991.

In Memoriam

CITY HONORS 50 YEARS
OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT’S ASSISTANCE

In a ceremony last week on the steps of city hall, Mayor Toni N. Harp presented an official proclamation to honor the 50th anniversary of the Physician Assistant profession. As a testament for the important work they do, Mayor Harp proclaimed October 6th-12th, 2017 Physician Assistant Week in the City of New Haven.

“Over time I have often said how fortunate New Haven is – and how fortunate New Haven residents are – to have in such close proximity a world-class medical complex, a world-class school of medicine, and a large, comprehensive population of world-class medical professionals,” Mayor Harp said at the event. “Physician Assistants serve a vital role in this comprehensive network of excellent healthcare coverage available in this region. (They) serve in operating rooms, emergency rooms, examining rooms, and provide extensive services in preventative care.”

“The work (they) do – in emergencies, and every day – is what the rest of us lean upon as needed, and rely upon knowing someday we’ll depend on... your expertise, your experience, and your willingness to help,” Mayor Harp added.
THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN PRESENTS

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“Costume Parade” @ 7 PM AND FEAST ON CANDY
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<td>Only sealed candy can be given out. No homemade items; and NO candy with nuts in them.</td>
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