



OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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Mayor Rossi Statement on the Whittlesey Assessment

WEST HAVEN, May 18, 2023 — Mayor Nancy R. Rossi has released a statement on the Whittlesey assessment.

“I have carefully reviewed the recent Whittlesey assessment and have already directed immediate actions be taken to remediate short-term action items. My administration, in consultation with the state Municipal Accountability Review Board and the state Office of Policy and Management, has already developed some short-term solutions and is in the process of developing long-term solutions.

While the assessment addresses many current deficiencies, it does not give context. When taking office, there was an insufficient number of internal controls and written policies and a lack of records. My administration has implemented several major changes to correct this while hiring key employees who are credentialed and experienced in their fields. These improvements include overseeing the implementation of MUNIS, revising the Purchasing Procedures Manual, implementing a P-card system, and upgrading and strengthening our IT infrastructure.

While improving processes within City Hall, my administration has also focused on economic development by working to transform the Sawmill Road corridor and revitalize downtown Allingtown, along with welcoming New England Brewing Co. to West Haven and starting the Phase 2 raising of Beach Street. My administration has committed to our next generation by overseeing the reconstruction of West Haven High School and anticipating the reconstruction of Washington Elementary School, with demolition set to begin shortly.

My administration looks forward to continued cooperation with OPM, the MARB and Whittlesey as we work to develop solutions to the recent assessment.”

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