

Madalyn Letellier

From: Hannah Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 11:24 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board

Happy autumn! I'm a resident of Somerville who lives in the Powderhouse area, and I'm so excited to put my voice behind others who are welcoming Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio to the neighborhood. I'd like to explicitly express my support to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances)

Commonwealth Clayworks represents an incredible opportunity to use the space and provide a new opportunity for locals and newcomers alike to come together and create. The team behind Clayworks is clearly committed to providing an incredible experience and would be a great resource for workshops and classes.

Thanks for your time,
H. Baker, at [REDACTED]

Madalyn Letellier

From: Judith Berman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 5:32 PM
To: Public Comments
Cc: Fern
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec. 7, Item Number 23-1625

To the Members of the Zoning Board,

As a frequent visitor to Somerville and the Powerhouse neighborhood, a past artist at the Vernon Street Studios, and an artist who is now exploring clay, I am eagerly anticipating the opening of the Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio at 1060 Broadway. I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace and Arts Education" to the existing Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (Section 7.2.7. of the Zoning Ordinances) I have been fortunate to have worked with an amazing teacher, Fern Supawanich, and would like to continue working with this talented instructor at the Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio. I am 76- so I know that she has a gift for working with an elder population. My daughter is also taking clay classes with Fern and has become quite a talented potter. I encourage you to support the zoning inclusion in order for us to continue our clay experience.

Thank you,

Judith Berman
Arlington, MA

Madalyn Letellier

From: Elena Bertkau [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 1:31 PM
To: Kimberly Wells; Madalyn Letellier
Cc: Public Comments
Subject: Re: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board:

I am writing in support of a zoning amendment for Commonwealth Clayworks. I am a frequent visitor to the Powderhouse neighborhood and member of the creative community.

I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things.

Sincerely,

Elena K. Bertkau
[REDACTED], Boston, MA

On Wed, Nov 22, 2023, 10:53 AM Kimberly Wells [REDACTED] wrote:

Good morning,

It appears you may have entered your comments as the subject line, rather than the body of the email. This means they are almost entirely cut off. Please submit again with the information in the email body so it can be read. You are also welcome to submit a physical copy at the City Clerk's office.

Best,

Madalyn Letellier

From: Katie Cabral [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2023 9:46 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, Item Number: 23-1625

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To the members of the Somerville Zoning Board,

I am a Cambridge resident who lives close to the border of Somerville and spends much of my time in Somerville. I am writing to express my support for the Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio that will be opening at 1060 Broadway. This pottery studio will provide a great place for people to come together, make art, and build community.

My understanding is that 1060 Broadway is currently zoned for "Arts and Creative Enterprise" but not "Shared Workspace and Arts Education." I am writing to express my support for adding "Shared Workspace and Arts Education" to the list of permitted uses for this building. Fern Supanawich, the owner of Commonwealth Clayworks, is a fantastic and supportive pottery teacher and it would greatly benefit the community if she could teach pottery classes and workshops in this space. I think that pottery classes will bring more people to the Teele Square neighborhood and help to foster community in Somerville.

Sincerely,
Katie Cabral
[REDACTED], Cambridge, MA

Madalyn Letellier

From: Hoay Cheah [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 3:21 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To: publiccomments@somervillema.gov

Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

To the Members of the Zoning Board

I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*) to allow Commonwealth Clayworks Pottery Studio to offer pottery classes.

As a resident of Somerville, a member of the Somerville creative community, and a licensed mental health counselor, I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks Pottery Studio is opening at 1060 Broadway in the Powderhouse/Teele Square neighborhood.

I was excited when I first learned that a pottery studio with a storefront is coming to the Powderhouse/Teele neighborhoods, it will no doubt vitalize and beautify the neighborhoods and create a space for neighbors to gather and socialize. I was even more excited to learn that Commonwealth Clayworks has plans to offer pottery classes in the same studio. A pottery school will benefit the neighborhood even further by making the creative process accessible to the residents in our neighborhoods. As an artist and a mental health counselor, I understand the positive impact of the hands-on creative process to our overall health and well-being. I hope you will grant the permission for Commonwealth Clayworks to teach pottery classes at 1060 Broadway so our residents will have the opportunity and space to learn, play, and express themselves in clay.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Hoay Cheah, LMHC



Somerville MA 02145

Madalyn Letellier

From: Kate [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 3:52 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board

As a frequent visitor to the Powderhouse neighborhood and member of the creative community, I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things.

Sincerely,

Kate Clemente

[REDACTED]

Cambridge, MA

Madalyn Letellier

From: Melanie C-H [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 12:19 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Fwd: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board,

I am writing to express my support for adding "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances) for Commonwealth Clayworks at 1060 Broadway, Somerville (Powderhouse School neighborhood).

I am a local mental health provider and art student, and as such, I can personally attest to the healing power of art for myself and others. At a time when so many people continue to suffer from depression, anxiety and post-COVID burnout, expanding the number of creative places where people can gather and enjoy themselves, learn new skills and have FUN in artistic community is of a huge therapeutic benefit for the greater Somerville community. Art has long been viewed as healing; I have personally found this to be true through taking creative pottery classes (elsewhere) with the owner of this studio.

I have no doubt that expanding the Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses to include "Shared Workspace and Arts Education" will help to create an even stronger, healthier and happier artistic community in Somerville which can only benefit us all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melanie Cohn-Hopwood, LICSW (she/her)

I affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all people.

[REDACTED]
Cambridge, MA 02141

Madalyn Letellier

From: Sheila Connelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 10:28 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Somerville Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, Ref. 23-1625

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Dear Zoning Board Members,

As a long-time Somerville resident, I have watched the development of the former Powder House Community School over many years. I am excited to see that Commonwealth Clayworks (CC) will be part of the transformed space at 1060 Broadway as a pottery studio. As a former board member and continued supporter of Mudflat Studio in East Somerville, I'm familiar with the community benefits of art-making opportunities in clay. I understand that CC is poised to offer classes that will engage new students and activate this space in positive ways. I support an approach for CC to offer workshops in this facility with its excellent access to public transportation options.

With this in mind, I am writing to ask the committee to support the amendment to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" as a permitted use under Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances for Arts and Creative Enterprise.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Sheila Connelly

Sheila Connelly
[REDACTED]
Somerville, MA 02143

[REDACTED]

Madalyn Letellier

From: Millicent Cutler [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 12:42 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board

As a frequent visitor to the Powderhouse neighborhood and the surrounding Somerville area. I am sooo excited that you might move the project for the Commonwealth Clayworks forwards. As a potter this space means I can make work and fire it in one place with the most wonderful owner and entrepreneur, Fern Supawanich.

The studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things.

Sincerely,
Millicent L Cutler

Madalyn Letellier

From: Lorraine [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 1:42 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board

As a frequent visitor to the Powderhouse neighborhood and member of the creative community, I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things.

Sincerely,
Lorraine Delhorne
[REDACTED]

Medford, MA 02155

Madalyn Letellier

From: Jean Duffy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 7:09 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: and Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board,

As a resident of Somerville and previous potter at the now closed Mudville Studios, I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things.

Sincerely,
Jean Duffy

[REDACTED]

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Jean Duffy
Debut author of "Soccer Grannies: The South African Women Who Inspire the World"
I'm eager to engage with book clubs reading Soccer Grannies!

From [Rowman & Littlefield](#)

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Madalyn Letellier

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 7:55 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board,

As a member of the somerville community I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things.

Sincerely,
Zachary ellis
[REDACTED]

Madalyn Letellier

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 7:49 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board

As a Somerville resident, as well as an artist,

I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*).

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things.

Thank you for your support in making Somerville the great city that it is - and where artists still can thrive and offer different gathering activities for the community.

Sincerely,
Daniela Giardina
[REDACTED]
02145 Somerville

Madalyn Letellier

From: Graves, Erin C.,RN [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 6:56 PM
To: Erin Croft Graves; Public Comments
Cc: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting. Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board,

As a resident of Somerville I often find myself walking over in Powderhouse Square. My sons Scout Meetings held in the area, we use the CVS, we go to Neighborhood Produce nearly weekly. And we can't forget my favorite thrift shop Salvation Army. The area seems to be getting more vibrant over the years and I anticipate that will continue given the green line extension

I am thrilled to learn that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinance)

As someone with an emotionally charged occupation, serving the public I find great stress relief and rejuvenation participating in creative activities. I'm not looking for another place to shop. I'm looking for another place to learn and develop my creative interests.

Thank you for your attention! I appreciate your service.

Sincerely,
Name,

Erin Croft Graves

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Madalyn Letellier

From: Caroline Hanley [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 11:01 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: RE: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, 12/7, ITEM NUMBER 23-1625

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Zoning Board Members,

As a resident of the Somerville/Arlington area and a newfound member of the area's creative community, I am thrilled that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood.

Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances).

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills, create beautiful things, and form community together.

Sincerely,

Caroline Hanley
[REDACTED] Arlington, MA

Madalyn Letellier

From: Seth Hayward [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 6:06 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: re: 1060 Broadway, Commonwealth Clayworks

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Hello Members of the Zoning Board,

I have been a proud member of the Somerville community for three years now and I'm excited about the Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio opening in the Powderhouse School neighborhood.

I'd like to express my support for their request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses.

As you may know, there are several pottery studios in the Somerville area, however all of their classes have long waiting lists. An additional pottery studio is in high demand! I think Commonwealth Clayworks would be an excellent addition to the Somerville community and serve a thriving arts community.

Thank you for all your work,
Sincerely,
Seth Hayward

Madalyn Letellier

From: Ruben H [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2023 9:47 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Somerville Zoning Board:

I am a regular visitor to the Powderhouse neighborhood, a member of the creative community, and loyal patron of accessible and affordable community educational workshops and programs in the arts. I am excited that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the former Powderhouse Community School.

Furthermore, I am writing to express my strong support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise zoning use provision list of the Powderhouse School building (Somerville Zoning Ordinance, Section 7.2.7).

Granting inclusion of "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to Zoning Ordinance, Section 7.2.7 supports the intent and purpose of building an inclusive, diverse, and vital urban community in the Powderhouse neighborhood. Amending the permitted uses of the building will allow Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops in the Powderhouse School. This will be a welcomed community-enriching use of an empty storefront, providing a multigenerational and accessible place for people to come together, learn new skills, and create beautiful things.

Sincerely,

Ruben Hopwood, MDiv, PhD, LP

Founder & Director, Psychologist

Hopwood Counseling & Consulting, LLC

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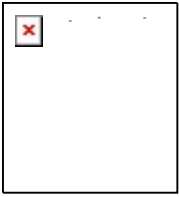
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[REDACTED]
Cambridge, MA 02141

Pronouns: he, him, his



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Madalyn Letellier

From: Kate Duffy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 9:58 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board

As a frequent visitor to the Powderhouse neighborhood and member of the Camberville community, I am so pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things.

Sincerely,

Kate Duffy

[REDACTED] Cambridge, MA 02139

Madalyn Letellier

From: Steve Krausman [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2023 11:49 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board

I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*). Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio, located at 1060 Broadway, will be a wonderful addition to the Powderhouse School neighborhood. There is a strong interest in the local community for pottery and it would be serving their needs. Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would fill an empty storefront, enhance the CALA community and provide a place for people to come together and learn new skills.

I have been a student of the owner of Commonwealth Clayworks in the past. She creates a welcoming environment for everyone.

Sincerely,
Steven Krausman
[REDACTED]
Arlington, MA 02476

Madalyn Letellier

From: Annie Kuan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 12:47 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board,

As a resident of Somerville and a member of the creative community, I am very excited that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances.)

I believe that allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and run workshops at this location would be a fantastic addition to the community, and I am personally eager for the prospect of taking classes at the studio. I hope many will benefit from the joy of learning new skills and building beautiful pieces of art with new and familiar faces alike. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Anne Kuan

[REDACTED] Somerville, MA 02143

Madalyn Letellier

From: Christopher Manatis-Lornell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 8:33 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board

As an owner and resident of [REDACTED] Broadway in Somerville, I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things.

I personally look forward to being an active member of the Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio community.

Sincerely,

Christopher Manatis-Lornell

[REDACTED]
Somerville, MA

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Chris Manatis-Lornell
[REDACTED]

Madalyn Letellier

From: Milva McDonald [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 9:32 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board,

As a resident of nearby West Medford, a frequent visitor to Somerville, and a budding potter, I am beyond excited that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway in the Powderhouse School neighborhood and I can't wait to participate in its programming.

I am writing to express my strong support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances).

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops would activate an empty storefront and provide a place for people to gather, learn new skills and create beautiful work.

Fern Supanawich is a fabulous teacher with a gift for community building. I know Commonwealth Clayworks will provide a joyful, nurturing, welcoming environment for anyone interested in the art of pottery, and make a significant contribution to Somerville's vital artistic and cultural life.

Sincerely,
Milva McDonald
[REDACTED]
Medford, MA
[REDACTED]

Madalyn Letellier

From: Amanda Mercer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 10:50 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board,

As a member of the creative community and a student of Fern's pottery classes at other locations, I am beyond excited that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances).

As an employee of Pinterest, I know how important inspiration is to help everyone live richer, more fulfilling lives, and I know that classes at Commonwealth Clayworks will do just that for many in the Powderhouse neighborhood and the broader Somerville community (as it has already done for me). Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things. In a city that has such high demand for ceramics classes and workshops, Commonwealth Clayworks will help make ceramics (and by proxy, inspiration) more accessible to everyone in the community.

All good things,
Amanda Mercer
[REDACTED]
Arlington, MA 02476

Madalyn Letellier

From: Zoe Norcross [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:23 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board,

As a frequent visitor to the Powderhouse neighborhood and past Somerville resident, I am thrilled that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Additionally, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things. Furthermore, Commonwealth Clayworks has a goal to provide classes for older adults and for people with mobility challenges. Therefore it will provide access to the arts for a wide breadth of community members.

Sincerely,

Zoe Norcross,
[REDACTED]
Arlington, MA 02476

Madalyn Letellier

From: Ron Rosenbaum [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 3:29 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

To the Members of the Zoning Board

As a frequent visitor to the Powderhouse neighborhood, a volunteer in a Somerville elementary school for the last 7 years, I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people, like me, who are just learning pottery techniques, to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things.

Sincerely,
Ronald Rosenbaum
[REDACTED]
Arlington, MA 02476

Madalyn Letellier

From: Ariel Schwartz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2023 12:38 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board

As an Arlington resident who frequents the Powderhouse neighborhood, I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things. In addition, Commonwealth Clayworks plans to be an inclusive space, developing programming and courses for seniors and people with disabilities. Allowing classes at the studio will provide these underserved populations meaningful opportunities for community engagement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ariel Schwartz

Madalyn Letellier

From: Lindsey Short [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 12:50 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board

As a resident of Somerville and a frequent patron of local restaurants, shops, hobby makers, and businesses, I am very pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*).

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills, and create beautiful things. I, for one, have been hoping to start a new hobby in the coming new year. I believe that pottery at Commonwealth Clayworks would be the perfect place to flourish as an individual. Allowing arts education to the permitted uses will bring much joy, economy, art, and creativity to Powderhouse Square, and the surrounding Teele and Davis Square areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely
Lindsey Short

[REDACTED] Somerville, MA 02139

Madalyn Letellier

From: Galina Tan [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 10:35 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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Dear Members of the Zoning Board

As a resident of Somerville since 2013 and former pottery student at the beloved Mudville pottery studio (which closed during the pandemic), I was very pleased to hear that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things. I really miss my days at Mudville, and there is a very long waitlist to join other pottery studios (some of which are not very close by), so this would really open up more options for this high-demand art! I would love to be able to get back into this creative space again, as it was both fun and therapeutic for me.

Sincerely,
Galina Tan
[REDACTED] Somerville MA

Madalyn Letellier

From: Somerville Music Spaces [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 7:14 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting Dec 7. ITEM-NUMBER 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board,

As a business owner of Somerville Music Spaces in the same building, I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powerhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinance).

Having Commonwealth Clayworks in this empty commercial storefront will help activate the community in a positive way, allowing people to come together to learn new skills and create beautiful things. As a business owner in the same building, we look forward to this business opening provide additional artistic resources to the community.

Sincerely,

Jessica Tybursky
Owner, Somerville Music Spaces LLC

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www.somervillemusicspaces.com
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Madalyn Letellier

From: Lilia Volodina [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 9:04 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To the Members of the Zoning Board

As a resident of Somerville and a member of the local creative community,

I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening at 1060 Broadway, in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses (Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances).

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things.

Sincerely,
Lilia Volodina,
[REDACTED], Somerville, MA 02144

Lilia Volodina
Bilingual Educator and Expressive Arts Practitioner
Pronouns: they/them

Madalyn Letellier

From: Greg Wyles [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 10:43 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Commonwealth Clayworks Zoning Variance Request

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Dear Members of the Zoning Board

As a *Teele Square resident*, I am pleased that Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio is opening in the Powderhouse School neighborhood. Further, I am writing to express my support for the request to add "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses. (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*)

Allowing Commonwealth Clayworks to teach and hold workshops at this location would be a great activation of an empty storefront and provide a place for people to come together, learn new skills and create beautiful things. I intend to take classes there, and my children will eventually, as well.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Wyles
[REDACTED]

Madalyn Letellier

From: Madeline Zarro [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 1:13 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Land Committee Zoning Amendment Meeting, Dec 7, ITEM NUMBER: 23-1625

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To Members of the Zoning Board,

I hope you are well. I am writing as a resident of Somerville to express my support of and excitement for the opening of Commonwealth Clayworks pottery studio at 1060 Broadway, near Powderhouse School. Most importantly, **I am writing to advocate for the addition of "Shared Workspace & Arts Education" to the existing Arts and Creative Enterprise list of permitted uses** (*Section 7.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinances*).

I believe that Commonwealth Clayworks would provide valuable opportunities for community members to meet, to learn, and to create together. As an art instructor for individuals with disabilities, I am thrilled about the studio's plans to develop inclusive art programming and opportunities for community engagement for those of all abilities. I believe that the proposed addition to Zoning Ordinances would allow for a beautiful addition to our Somerville community.

Thank you for your time & consideration.

Sincerely,
Madeline Zarro
[REDACTED]. Somerville 02144