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1 October 2020

The Honorable City Council
City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Honorable City Council:

In keeping with its lawful responsibilities, the Somerville Planning Board submits to your Honorable Council its recommendation on the following proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (ID# 210185, 210364, 210597).

On 15 September 2020, at 6:00 p.m. the Planning Board and Land Use Committee of the City Council held a duly advertised virtual joint public hearing. The purpose of the hearing was to solicit public comments on the proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance and to evaluate the proposal in the context of testimony received and the findings and analysis of the Staff to the Planning Board. On 1 October 2020, the Board convened at their regularly scheduled meeting to accept further information and deliberate on the agenda items.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

On item 210185 (a proposal to change 56 Murdock Street from the Neighborhood Residence to the Urban Residence district), following due consideration, Chair Michael A Capuano, Esq made a motion to recommend that the proposed amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance be adopted by the City Council. The motion was seconded by Clerk Sam Dinning, and approved unanimously by the Board, 5-0.

On item 210364 (a proposal to change the zoning district for six parcels in Gilman Square), following due consideration, Chair Michael A Capuano, Esq made a motion to recommend that the proposed amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance be adopted by the City Council as amended by the Land Use Committee on 29 September 2020, and with the following additional recommendation that future map amendment proposals for this area be undertaken after a neighborhood planning process focused on



Gilman Square as a whole, to consider community impacts of proposed additional density. The motion was seconded by Clerk Sam Dinning, and approved unanimously by the Board, 5-0.

On item 210597 (a proposal to make an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to the standards of Subsection 9.2.4.d for Cannabis Retail Sales uses), following due consideration, Chair Michael A Capuano, Esq made a motion to recommend that the proposed amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance be adopted by the City Council. The motion was seconded by Clerk Sam Dinning, and approved unanimously by the Board, 5-0.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Capuano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Michael A. Capuano
Chair of the Planning Board