

Green Cab Co, Inc.  
600 Windsor Place  
Somerville, Ma 02143

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Somerville City Council

93 Highland Ave

Somerville, Ma 02143

Dear Honorable Somerville City Council,

We are writing to notify you that we are being displaced from our current building at 600 Windsor Place. As of July 1, 2023 we will be relocating to Medford. In 2009, we were also displaced from our business address at 85 Foley St due to the redevelopment at Assembly Square. We then purchased our current property in the Boynton Yards, 600 Windsor Place. We signed a covenant with the understanding that this area was to be redeveloped in response and in preparation for the Green Line Extension. Both of which we fully supported knowing it was in the best interest for the City of Somerville and it's residents.

Our covenant allowed us to partner with a developer. We partnered with US2, the city's Master Developer. We came to an agreement that we would be built back into the development and would have a 50 year lease at 600 Windsor Place, Somerville, Ma. We knew we would need to temporarily relocate until the building was redeveloped but we would then move back into our own space within the building according to zoning.

Without prior knowledge, we were informed by US2, that the city had changed the zoning and we could no longer be part of the new development. Operating a taxi dispatch company with auto repair license requirements prevented us from being housed in most areas of Somerville, according to this new zoning. The Innerbelt was one of the only places that could allow for our type of business. With the help of US2, we started the impossible journey to find a place to relocate within the city. After an exhausting search, our only option was to find property outside the city which was heartbreaking. We were fortunate to find a piece of property, with the help of US2, that had not yet been put on the market. This property was also in an industrial zone in Medford. It was the zoning we desperately needed for relocation. Luckily, we were able to purchase that property.

We are a family owned and operated business within Somerville. Most of my family was born, raised and educated in Somerville. Somerville is part of the fabric of who we are. That being said, we will still

maintain our proper Somerville taxi licenses which include medallion licenses and taxi stand licenses. The city ordinance does state that we need to notify the City Council in writing which is the purpose of this letter. We have had conversations with the City Clerk, Kim Wells and look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Somerville. We also will continue to service the residents of Somerville who depend on us to get to where they need to go. That will not change. The only thing that will change is our physical address. Please let us know if there are any questions you may have. We are happy to answer them.

Respectfully,

*Cheryl Horan*

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Vice President

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