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November 16, 2017

The Honorable Board of Aldermen  
City Hall  
93 Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02143

Re: Zoning Amendment: 204229 : Requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance extending the time period in which the Medical Marijuana Overlay District remains in effect.

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

In keeping with its lawful responsibilities, the Planning Board submits to your Honorable Board its recommendation on an ordinance to amend the Medical Marijuana Overlay District by extending its time period into 2019.

On November 15, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Board and Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen jointly held a duly advertised public hearing in the Aldermanic Chambers in City Hall. The purpose of the hearing was to solicit public comments on the proposed amendment and to evaluate the amendment in the context of testimony received and information provided by the Planning Staff at the hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

At the public hearing on November 15, 2017, George Proakis provided an overview of the proposed amendment and a background on the City's medical marijuana dispensary ordinance. Chair of the Board of Alderman Land Use Committee, Lance Davis, solicited public comment on the proposed comment and there were no members of the public in the Chmabers that wished to speak.

After the public hearing was closed and after further discussing the ordinance, the Planning Board made a recommendation for the Land Use Committee to consider in their deliberations.

RECOMMENDATION

Following due consideration, at the meeting on November 15, 2017, Michael Capuano made a motion to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.** Joseph Favaloro seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Capuano", written over a faint horizontal line.

Michael Capuano, Acting Chair