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November 13, 2018

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

Re: Zoning Amendment 206489: Proposing a Zoning Ordinance amendment for Slope Protection to require a Special Permit for developments on steeply sloped parcels.

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

In keeping with its lawful responsibilities, the Planning Board submits to your Honorable Board its recommendation on an ordinance for slope protection to require a Special Permit for developments on steeply sloped parcels.

On October 4, 2018, 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.

At meetings of the Planning Board on October 18, 2018 and November 8, 2018, George Proakis provided an overview of the proposed amendment. Following due consideration on November 8, 2018, Michael Capuano made a motion, seconded by Dorothy Kelly Gay to **FOLD THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT INTO THE PROPOSED ZONING OVERHAUL.**

The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Sincerely,

Michael Capuano, Chair

