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15 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# 210452 and 210472).

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 15 October 2020, the Board convened at their regularly scheduled meeting to deliberate on the agenda items.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

On item 210452 (a proposal to change 34 and 36 Merriam Street from 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 **not be adopted** by the City Council. The motion was seconded by Clerk Sam Dinning, and approved unanimously by the Board, 5-0.

On item 210472 (a proposal to change the zoning district for 8 properties between 368 and 414 on McGrath Highway), 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,

Michael A. Capuano
Chair of the Planning Board