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March 6, 2018

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

Re: Amending the Zoning Map to Place 3-5 Summer Street (MBL 73-A-46) into the Neighborhood Business (NB) Zoning District.

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

In keeping with its lawful responsibilities, the Planning Board submits to your Honorable Board its recommendation on the amendment to the Zoning Map to place 3-5 Summer Street (MBL 73-A-46) into the Neighborhood Business (NB) zoning district.

On February 27, 2018, at 6:00 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 map change and to evaluate the proposal in the context of testimony received and information provided by the Planning Staff at the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

At the public hearing on February 27, 2018, Planning Director Proakis, at the request of Chairman Alderman Davis, introduced the map request followed by an overview of the benefits by attorney Adam Dash. Alderman Rossetti, Alderman Ballantyne, and Alderman Ewan-Campen asked questions of the Applicant regarding the affordability of the proposed project in perpetuity spurring the need for the map change. Alderman Ballantyne, Alderman Hirsch, Alderman Scott, along with Planning Board members Dorothy Kelly Gay and Rebecca Lyn Cooper expressed support for the project and commended the Applicant for the work to improve affordable housing in the City.

The public testimony consisted of support on the map change by Aaron Weber.



RECOMMENDATION

Following due consideration, Dorothy Kelly Gay made a motion to **RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION** of the map change request, to place 3-5 Summer Street (MBL 73-A-46) into the Neighborhood Business (NB) zoning district.

Rebecca Lyn Cooper seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Prior". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kevin Prior
Chair