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December 10, 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 proposed Affordable Housing Overlay District (ID# 209478).

On November 19, 2020 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 Affordable Housing Overlay District and to evaluate the proposal in the context of testimony received and analysis provided by Staff to the Planning Board. The Planning Board also met on December 10, 2020 to discuss the proposed overlay and public feedback received at the joint hearing and in written format provided by the noon December 4, 2020 deadline for public comment.

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

Following a motion by Clerk Sam Dinning seconded by Chair Michael A Capuano, Esq, the Somerville Planning Board voted unanimously (5-0) to recommend the proposed Affordable Housing Overlay District for adoption by the City Council. Chair Capuano also respectfully requests that the Council investigate a similar development benefit program oriented toward market-rate development that provides additional affordable dwelling units.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Capuano  
Chair of the Planning Board

