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June 9, 2025

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 recommendations on the following proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance. On June 5, 2025, at 6:30 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 proposals in the context of testimony received and the findings and analysis of the Staff to the Planning Board. On June 5, 2025 at 6:45pm, the Board re-convened their regularly scheduled meeting and discussed the following agenda item:

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Requesting ordainment of an amendment to Article 8 of the Zoning Ordinance to update Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) references (File # [25-0907](#)).

The Board deliberated and solicited input from staff and made the following specific recommendations. Following due consideration, Chair Michael Capuano made a motion to recommend that the proposed amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance **be approved** by the City Council. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Amelia Aboff, and unanimously passed by the Board, **6-0**, without discussion.

Sincerely,

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

Michael A. Capuano
Chair of the Planning Board

