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September 13, 2017

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

Re: Zoning Amendment: 203708: Requesting the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance map to rezone Emerson Street and a portion of Everett Street to Residence B.

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

In keeping with its lawful responsibilities, the Planning Board submits to your Honorable Board its recommendation on an ordinance to amend the zoning map and rezone Emerson Street and a portion of Everett Street to Residence B.

On September 6, 2017, 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 amendment and to evaluate the amendment in the context of testimony received and information provided by the Planning Staff at the hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

At the public hearing on September 6, 2017, Alderman Heuston explained her intent in submitting this ordinance to protect this neighborhood behind the proposed Union Square development. George Proakis mentioned that the Planning Board recommended approval of the proposed ordinance at the April 11, 2017 joint public hearing between the Planning Board and Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen.



After the public hearing was closed and after further discussing the ordinance, the Planning Board made a recommendation for the Land Use Committee to consider in their deliberations.

RECOMMENDATION

Following due consideration, at the meeting on September 6, 2017, Kevin Prior made a motion to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.** Michael Capuano 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, flowing style.

Kevin Prior  
Chair