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CITY OF SOMERVILLE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS SOMERVILLE, MA JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

Nicholas P. Salerno Chairman

December 4, 2014

John J Long City Clerk Somerville City Hall 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, Ma 02143

Dear Mr. Long:

We hereby certify that the petition given to us by your office contains the names of thirteen (13) registered Somerville voters designated as such by a red check mark to the left of the name. The breakdown is as follows: 10 (ten) voters on sheet #1 and 3 (three) voters on sheet #2.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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The Honorable, the Board of Aldermen
City Hall
Somerville, MA 02143

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE SOMERVILLE, MA

RE: Zoning Amendments

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Section 3.3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Somerville ("SZO") we, the undersigned ten (10) registered voters of said City, hereby submit for your consideration, a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF INCREASE IN THE GROSS FLOOR AREA FOR THE CONVERSION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE A SPECIAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the city of Somerville, in session assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4.4.1. of Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by striking out the words and numbers, "twenty-five percent (25%)," as appearing in the fifth line of the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following words and numbers: "fifteen percent (15%)."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage by the Board of Aldermen and approval by the Mayor.

We look forward to a full and vigorous debate on this amendment by your Honorable Board. Its subject matter touches upon an issue that grows more important with each passing day: the widespread loss of open and green space that is occurring as a direct result of the "McMansionization" of Somerville's formerly affordable housing stock.

We will anticipate the referral of this ordinance to the planning board within the requisite fourteen days, its prompt publication and the scheduling of a public hearing, all in accordance with Chapter 40A and the SZO.

Sincerely,

Chris Korda 80 Avon Street

Somerville, MA 02143

(additional signatures attached)

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