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August 8, 2013

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

Re: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING DISTRICT OF 9
MEDFORD STREET (MBL 114-A-1) FROM BUSINESS-A TO TOD100

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 change the zoning district of 9 Medford Street from Business-A to Transit Oriented District-100 (TOD-100). This amendment was addressed in a staff report provided to your honorable board that was dated July 16, 2013. Planning Staff also submitted this initial staff report to the Planning Board and submitted a memo with additional information that was dated August 1, 2013.

On July 18, 2013, 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 amendments and to evaluate the amendments in the context of testimony received and the findings and analysis of the Planning Staff.

The Planning Board met again at their meeting on August 8, 2013 to discuss the proposal and take a vote.

This report from the Planning Board to the Board of Aldermen will focus on the discussion at the July 18 and August 8, 2013 meetings and its final recommendation.



DISCUSSION DURING HEARING/MEETING

At the public hearing on July 18, 2013, George Proakis, Director of Planning, explained the proposal as outlined in the staff report. No constituents appeared to speak on the matter. The Board discussed the extent of the zoning district boundary change and the possibilities of a future use of the building. They requested information on lot area per dwelling unit and the existing height of the building.

At the August 8, 2013 meeting the Planning Board noted that they had reviewed the memo from staff with the information that was requested in the previous meeting.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Following due consideration, Kevin Prior made a motion to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** the proposed amendment as laid out in the Planning Staff Report. Elizabeth Moroney seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

The Land Use Committee kept the written record open until noon on August 17, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Prior", is written above the printed name.

Kevin Prior
Chair