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Anthony P. Monaco, *President*

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Matthew McLaughlin
Somerville City Council, President
City of Somerville
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Docket # 211597

Dear President McLaughlin,

Thank you for contacting Tufts University regarding an institutional master plan and our housing plans.

Tufts University does not have an institutional master plan for our Medford/Somerville campus. Nonprofit organizations in Somerville are not required to maintain or submit an institutional master plan. This allows us the flexibility to respond to changes in the higher education landscape and enables us to take advantage of new opportunities as they arise. Whenever we have a new construction project in Somerville, we communicate our plans to the city and our neighbors in accordance with the City's zoning ordinance.

Tufts University has made significant investments in undergraduate housing. In the last five years, Tufts has added more than 460 beds on our Medford/Somerville campus. That's the equivalent of adding two new dorms to our campus. Of the 460 beds that have been added, all the beds on the Somerville side of the campus are within the University Zoning District. The University has also acquired 123 Packard Avenue and 114 Professors Row in the Tufts University Zoning District in Somerville. Both buildings will be used to house undergraduate students on campus. While Tufts University has not purchased any property outside of the Tufts University Zoning District in Somerville since 2007, we do maintain the right to use currently owned properties for University purposes including, but not limited to, providing housing for Tufts University students, faculty, and staff.

Thank you for the City's continued partnership with Tufts University. We look forward to continuing to work with the City on future projects. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rocco DiRico at 617-627-3780.

Sincerely,

Anthony P. Monaco