



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Anthony P. Monaco, *President*

March 10, 2021

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

Docket #211341
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Dear President McLaughlin,

Thank you for contacting Tufts University regarding our student housing plans. Creating more housing options for our undergraduate students continues to be a top priority for the University.

Tufts University has made significant investments in undergraduate housing. In the last five years, Tufts has added more than 460 new beds on our Medford/Somerville campus by better utilizing space in our existing residence halls, making major renovations to other residence halls (Miller, Houston, Stratton), and converting university owned properties in Medford into apartments for Juniors and Seniors (CoHo). That's the equivalent of adding two new dorms to our campus. 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.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Tufts capital spending was put on hold, with some exceptions for critical projects and projects already underway. When the pandemic ends and our finances return to normal, Tufts will continue to explore options to add more undergraduate beds on the Medford/Somerville 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 affiliates.

Thank you for the City's continued partnership with Tufts University. We look forward to continuing to work with you as we explore new ways to create additional housing. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rocco DiRico at the office of Government and Community Relations at 617-627-3780.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony P. Monaco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Anthony P. Monaco