

April ____, 2012

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City of Somerville seeks to adopt a Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 81D; and,

WHEREAS, Comprehensive planning allows a City to establish a long-term guide for future growth and development of a City; and,

WHEREAS, SomerVision extends the City of Somerville's track record of pioneering national models for municipal government; and,

WHEREAS, The City convened a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee in 2009 to undertake the process of developing a Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Over the past three years, the Steering Committee has worked with the City to develop the SomerVision plan; and,

WHEREAS, The SomerVision plan incorporates the input that was developed through 26 meetings of the Steering Committee in addition to numerous public meetings and countless volunteer hours; and,

WHEREAS, SomerVision sets out goals for the City that are both ambitious and achievable; and,

WHEREAS, SomerVision seeks to conserve Somerville's great residential neighborhoods, enhance square and commercial corridors and transform opportunity areas of the City; and,

WHEREAS, SomerVision establishes blueprints for a growth plan for Somerville that also protects the character of Somerville's neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, Per Massachusetts law, the Somerville Planning Board will be asked to approve the SomerVision plan as the official Master Plan of the City of Somerville; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That the City of Somerville Board of Aldermen extend thanks to the SomerVision Steering Committee for their extensive participation in this important community process that will guide future initiatives by the City of Somerville; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That the City of Somerville Board of Aldermen endorses the SomerVision plan and encourages the Somerville Planning Board to promptly adopt SomerVision as the official Master Plan of the City of Somerville under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 81D.