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SOMERVILLE, MA

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

*Nicholas P. Salerno
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Jim M. Nichols
Joseph A. McCarthy*

December 1, 2014

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:

- 1.) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE TO REQUIRE SPECIFIC FINDINGS BY THE PLANNING AND BOARD OF APPEALS PRIOR TO THE GRANT OF A SPECIAL PERMIT

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

SECTION 1. Section 5.1.4. of Article 5 of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, including sub-paragraphs e) through g), appearing therein and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Before taking final action on any application for a special permit the planning board and the SPGA shall specifically consider and find the following:

- a. that the site is an appropriate location for the proposed use and the character of adjoining uses will not be adversely affected;
- b. that there is no factual evidence that property values of any immediate abutter(s) will be adversely affected by such use;
- c. that no undue traffic and no nuisance or unreasonable hazard will result from such use;

- d. that construction of the proposed use can occur without the creation of undue noise or other disturbance to any immediate abutter(s);
- e. that adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for the proper operation and maintenance of the proposed use;
- f. that there are no valid objections to such use from any abutting property owner(s) based upon demonstrable fact; and
- g. that there are adequate and appropriate city services for the proposed use;
- h. that, in the case of a fast order or automobile-oriented food service business, there is a demonstrable need for such a business in the neighborhood or in the city.

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







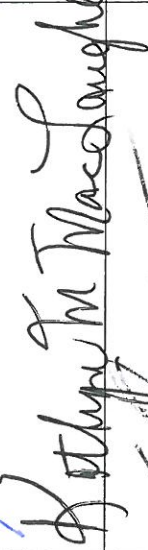

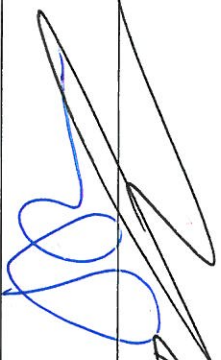

We look forward to a full and vigorous debate on this amendment by your Honorable Board. Its subject matter touches upon issues that grows more important with each passing day: the widespread loss of open and green space, and loss of the unique character of our residential neighborhoods, both occurring as direct results of the “McMansionization” of Somerville’s formerly affordable housing stock.

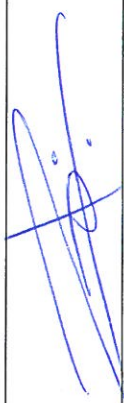



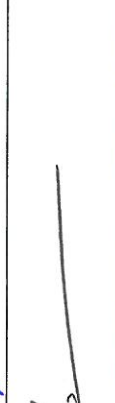
We will anticipate the referral of this ordinance to the planning board within the requisite fourteen days, its prompt publication and the scheduling of a public hearing, all in accordance with Chapter 40A and the SZO.

Sincerely,



Chris Korda
80 Avon Street
Somerville, MA 02143
(additional signatures attached)

	Signature	Name	Address	Ward	Pct	Date
✓ 1		EVE POGODA	14 LINCOLN PARKWAY #2	02	02	12/1/14
✓ 2		CLAUDINE OLESON	137 SUMMER ST	3	2	12/1/14
✓ 3		CHRIS KORDA	80 AVON ST	3	2	12/1/14
✓ 4		MARK NEVIN	84 AVON ST	3	2	12/1/14
✓ 5		RENEE SCOTT	63 BOSTON ST #2	3	1	12/1/14
✓ 6		JOEL BENNETT	112 BELMONT ST #2	3	3	12/1/14
✓ 7		KATHRYN MACLAUGHLAN	63 CONWELL AVE	7	3	12/1/14
✓ 8		ERIC FREEMAN	22 PROSPECT HILL AVE #1	3	1	12/2/14
✓ 9		JOSH ROSENSTOCK	19R PROSPECT HILL AVE #2	3	1	12/2/14
✓ 10		DANIEL MADRI	39 AVON ST	3	2	12/2/14

✓ 11		DAVID D GARDNER II	72 CHERRY ST	6	1	12/2/14
✓ 12		ANDRIN FOSTER	72 CHERRY ST	6	1	12/2/14
N 13		MADELAINE RIPLEY	72 CHERRY ST	6	1	12/2/14
N 14		Jonathan West	69 Shirley Street			12/3/14
✓ 15		REBECCA HENRIKSEN	22 CONNECTICUT AVE. APT. 3	1	2	12/3/14
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