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Innovations in Real Estate



Somerville Planning Board
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Attn: Sarah Lewis, Director of Planning

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Attn: Land Use Committee

March 17, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

First and foremost, thank you for your hard work during a challenging time for public officials but also a difficult timeframe for real estate development. We own several properties in Somerville including in the Union Square neighborhood.

I write to support the proposal at 1 Union Square by The Hamilton Company. This proposal will be a transformational project which will add vibrancy to the Union Square community. This exciting opportunity will add vitality and life to the neighborhood via job creation, public benefits, civic space and exciting new retail. The improvements made possible by allowing a single building on the site instead of two buildings including continuous retail frontage along Somerville Avenue as well as the enlarged and improved open space at the corner of Somerville Avenue and Prospect Street will benefit the character of the existing infrastructure.

We support Hamilton Company's proposal and hope that they will be granted the needed zoning amendment and any subsequent zoning approvals to start this exciting project during a difficult development cycle. I hope that the City of Somerville and the elected officials will join us in supporting this project.

Best,

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