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City Councilor Lance Davis, Chairman Land Use Committee City of Somerville, City Council

Michael Capuano, Chairman City of Somerville Planning Board

93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02145

RE: 373 Washington Street, Somerville, Massachusetts-Washington TN, LLC

Map/Block/Lot: 54/C/8

377 Washington Street, Somerville, Massachusetts—Washington TN, LLC

Map/Block/Lot: 54/C/9

Zoning Map Change Request

This office is counsel Washington TN, LLC, owner of the properties located at 373 Washington Street and 377 Washington Street, Somerville, Massachusetts. At this time our client respectfully requests a map change regarding the proposed zoning overhaul presented by the City of Somerville.

These properties are currently located in an (RB) Zoning District. The 373 Washington Street property is a masonry one story building that houses a health club/gym. The 377 Washington Street property is a single-family dwelling that is currently vacant.

The proposed Zoning District for the 377 Washington Street parcel is UR. The UR zoning classification would allow for a residential development. The proposed Zoning District for 373 Washington Street as stated is Fabrication, this classification is too stringent and does not utilize the parcel for its best use.

Idealy, these two parcels should have the same zoning classification, as this would allow for a better combined development project of these sites. The classifying of 373 Washington Street to the UR classification would be an asset to this portion of the Washington Street thruway to create a residential housing development. Such a development would be extremely helpful to the Somerville residential rental housing inventory.

Should any further information be necessary for this request please contact our office.

Very truly yours,

Richard G. Di Girolamo