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93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02145

RE: 198 Washington Street, Somerville, Massachusetts

Alessandro & Elaine Leccese Family Trust

Map/Block/Lot: 81/B/1

Zoning Map Change Request

This office is counsel to Alessandro & Elaine T. Leccese Family Trust, owner of the properties located at 198 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.

The property is currently located in an (CCD55) Zoning District. The 198 Washington Street property is a two (2) family dwelling that is owner occupied which is on an oversized lot.

The proposed Zoning District for 198 Washington Street parcel is a NR classification, this classification is too stringent and does not utilize the parcel for its optimal use. This property was previously classified to be a MR5 Zoning District.

Surrounding properties are slated to be in the MR5 Zoning District. Washington Street is a major thruway that flows into Union Square, which is under redevelopment, therefore this parcel

would be best suited as MR5. The classifying of 198 Washington Street to the MR5 classification would be an asset to this area that is going through urban renewal.

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

Very truly yours,

Anne M. Vigorito