

October 11, 2018

Mr. Brian P. Golden, Director  
Boston Planning & Development Agency  
One City Hall Square, Ninth Floor  
Boston, MA 02201  
ATTN: Michael Sinatra, Project Manager

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Re: Letter of Intent to File a Project Notification Form  
15 Arlington Street, Boston, MA 02116

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Dear Director Golden:

On behalf IREP Newbury Hotel, LLC, an affiliate of Highgate Hotels (the "Proponent"), in accordance with the Executive Order Relative to the Provision of Mitigation by Development Projects in Boston issued on October 10, 2000, as amended on April 3, 2001, this letter is sent to notify you of our intent to submit a Project Notification Form under Article 80B of the Boston Zoning Code for proposed improvements to the property commonly known as the Taj Boston hotel, located at 15 Arlington Street in Boston, as further described below (the "Project").

The Project contemplates interior renovations that include updating the existing hotel guest rooms, creating 12 additional hotel guest rooms, modifying the interior corridors and the existing connection to an adjacent building, permanently enclosing the existing seasonal rooftop restaurant, and additional interior public space enhancements.

The Project also proposes to relocate the main entrance of the hotel from Arlington Street to Newbury Street. This new main entrance and related improvements will enhance the public realm by creating a raised, accessible entry, illuminating the public right-of-way, refurbishing the existing canopy on Arlington Street, adding street trees, and adjusting the existing grade change of the sloped sidewalk in front of the hotel to improve overall access.

We anticipate submitting a Project Notification Form within the next 30-60 days, and we look forward to working with your staff, elected officials, community members, and the Impact Advisory Group that will review the Project.

Sincerely,  
IREP Newbury Hotel, LLC,  
an affiliate of Highgate Hotels  
by its Attorneys  
Goulston & Storrs PC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
David Linhart