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**BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR**  
**AT-LARGE**

October 14, 2016

Boston Planning and Development Agency  
Michael Rooney  
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Dear Mr. Rooney;

Below please find my comments regarding the Cabot, Cabot, and Forbes development at 159-201 Washington Street in Brighton, often referred to as St. Gabriel's.

I have been following this community process closely and I've been heartened by the progress that has been made thus far to improve the project. However, there are still outstanding concerns from constituents regarding the density, traffic impacts, parking and homeownership of the proposed project that need to be addressed.

As Boston grows and thrives we work to preserve affordability, owner occupancy and the character of our neighborhoods. The addition of the condo units and the announcement that Cabot, Cabot and Forbes will comply with the city's inclusionary zoning policy and create on-site affordable housing are steps in the right direction, but we can go further. I hope that careful thought is given to promoting owner occupancy in condo units and that this housing will be accessible to a diversity of income levels.

Adding such a significant amount of housing to this area has brought up a number of concerns regarding the surrounding transportation infrastructure. It is paramount that these concerns be addressed in a reasonable way.

I have been very impressed by the commitment to the historic restoration of the St. Gabriel's Monastery and church. These are beautiful historic assets that should be cherished.

Thank you for your work on this project and I look forward to continuing to be a part of this process.

Sincerely,

Annissa Essaibi-George  
Boston City Councilor At Large

## BRA MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Rooney

FROM: Katie Pedersen

DATE: August 18, 2016

RE: 159-201 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Expanded Project Notification Form

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I have reviewed the Expanded Project Notification Form (the "EPNF") dated July 18, 2016 and submit the following comments for the Environmental Protection component. CCF-BVSHSSF Washington 1 LLC, an affiliate of Cabot, Cabot & Forbes (the "Proponent") proposes to redevelop an approximately 11.6-acre site, which will include the creation of 679 units of housing and 395 parking spaces (the "Proposed Project"). The Proposed Project includes the construction of three new buildings and the renovation of the existing St. Gabriel's Monastery.

### Wind

The Proponent has stated that none of the Proposed Project buildings will be greater than 80 feet in height and thus a quantitative wind analysis of the pedestrian-level wind impacts from both existing (no-build) and build conditions shall not be required. However, the Proponent shall be required to perform a qualitative analysis of the pedestrian level winds (PLW) conditions. The analysis shall include public and other areas of pedestrian use, including entrances to adjacent buildings, sidewalks, and pedestrian walkways adjacent to and in the vicinity of the Proposed Project, and existing and proposed open spaces in the vicinity of the Proposed Project.

For areas where wind speeds are projected to exceed acceptable levels, measures to reduce wind speeds and to mitigate potential adverse impacts shall be identified.

### Shadow

The Proponent conducted a shadow analysis for both existing and build conditions for the hours of 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 3:00 p.m. for the vernal equinox (March 21), summer solstice (June 21), autumnal equinox (September 21), and winter solstice (December 21) and 6:00 p.m. in the summer and the fall.

The shadow impact analysis included net shadow as well as existing shadow (with the exception of the shadow cast onto the Fidelis Way Park, as described below).

The Proponent stated that at 3:00 p.m. during the Vernal Equinox (March 21), Summer Solstice (June 21) and Autumnal Equinox (September 21) new shadow from the Proposed Project will be cast to the northeast onto a small portion of the Fidelis Way

Park, limited to the northwestern corner of the Park. However, the shadow study does not include landscaping, and it is likely that this area is already under shadow due to the numerous large trees surrounding the Park. As a result, the Proponent shall be required to explain why the shadow study did not include landscaping as well as provide a detailed description of the anticipated impact on Fidelis Way Park.

### Daylight

(Please refer to Urban Design's comments)

### Solar Glare

The Proponent has indicated materials are still being studied and glazing of the windows will be determined as the design progresses. If it is determined that a significant amount of glass will be included in the Proposed Project design, the Proponent shall be required to conduct a solar glare analysis. The analysis shall measure potential reflective glare from the buildings onto potentially affected streets and public open spaces and sidewalk areas in order to determine the likelihood of visual impairment or discomfort due to reflective spot glare. Mitigation measures to eliminate any adverse reflective glare shall be identified.

### Air Quality

The Proponent shall be required to conduct a future analysis of the carbon monoxide levels if any of the intersections studied is anticipated to have a level of service (LOS) that is projected to deteriorate to D and cause a 10 percent increase in traffic or where the level of service is E or F and the Proposed Project contributes to a reduction in LOS. The Proponent shall be required to demonstrate that Proposed Project does not create an adverse impact on air quality and demonstrate conformance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

### Noise

The Proponent conducted a noise analysis of the existing noise levels at the Proposed Project site as well as future noise levels, after the Proposed Project is completed. The Proponent also included a description of the Proposed Project's mechanical systems and their location as well.

The Proponent demonstrated that the Proposed Project will be in compliance with the sound level limits set by the Massachusetts DEP Noise Policy, City of Boston Noise Regulations, and HUD's Residential Site Acceptability Standards and but, if anything should change, the Proponent shall be required to include measures designed to minimize and eliminate adverse noise impacts on nearby sensitive receptors.

Sustainable Design/Green Buildings

(Please see the Interagency Green Building Committee (IGBC) Article 37 Comment Letter)



## Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities

Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

August 18, 2016

**RE: 159-201 Washington Street (St. Gabriel's Development), Brighton MA 02135  
Expanded Project Notification Form  
Boston Redevelopment Authority**

The Disability Commission has reviewed the Expanded Project Notification Form that was submitted for 159-201 Washington Street (St. Gabriel's Development), in Brighton. Since the proposed project is planned to be a vibrant destination area with multiple uses, including open public space and housing. I would like to encourage a scheme that allows full and equal participation of persons with disabilities through *ideal design which meets as well as exceeds compliance* with accessibility building code requirements. It is crucial that the site layout, buildings, open spaces, parking, and circulation routes be developed with access in mind.

Therefore, in order for my Commission to give its full support to this project, I would like to ask that the following accessibility issues be considered and/or explained:

- **Accessible Parking:**
  - We would like to request more information on accessible parking spaces within Building 2A/2B and Building 3, including details about amount, location and how van accessible spots will be distributed.
  - In the Accessibility Checklist, it states that 13 accessible parking spaces are provided, on-site. Does this figure take into account on-street accessible parking spaces, as show in the provided "Accessible Parking & Drop-Off Locations" diagram?
  - We will continue to work with the Boston Transportation Department to determine appropriate locations for possible on-street accessible parking spaces.
  
- **Accessible Residential Units:**
  - We would like to request more information on accessible units (Group 2) within the Project, including details about the amount, location, types and floor plans. If not provided, please explain.
  - Will any of the accessible units be deemed affordable? If not, please explain.
  - Are all provided common use spaces and amenities designed to be fully accessible?
  
- **Accessible Route and Sidewalks:**
  - We support the use of concrete for all accessible walkways, ramps and sidewalks within the site to ensure a smooth and continuous path of travel from building to building.
  - We support the use of concrete for all components of any pedestrian ramps that will be reconstructed, as well as the use of composite yellow detectable warning surfaces.

- **Central Courtyard:**
  - The Central Courtyard (courtyard located between Building 2A and 2B) is described the central gathering space and focal point for the development and surrounding community, however it is not represented as accessible, in the provided “Site Accessible Routes” diagram. Will this area be accessible from the exterior, for easy public access? If so, please elaborate on the grade negotiation strategies that will be implemented to provide accessibility to this courtyard. If not, please explain.
  - Will all courtyards, located within buildings, be fully accessible?
  
- **Monastery:**
  - We would like to request more information on programming intentions for the Monastery portion of the development, including intended uses and types of amenities.
  - Will the restoration project allow for the Monastery to be fully accessible? If not, please explain.
  
- **Construction:**
  - Do you anticipate any portion of the Project going through the Public Improvement Commission? If so, please identify and provide details.
  
- **Community Benefits:**
  - Accessibility extends past compliance through building code requirements. For example, by providing employment opportunities and an overall scheme that allows full and equal participation of persons with disabilities, the development becomes an asset to the surrounding community. What opportunities (ex. employment, community support, social) will the development provide for persons with disabilities?
  
- **Wayfinding:**
  - Do you have a Wayfinding Package to better understand wayfinding strategies within the scope of the proposed project?
  
- **Variances:**
  - We are aware of several landscape and site-related variances that are anticipated to be filed with the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board and reserve further comment on these variances pending ruling from the Board.
  - Are any building-related variances anticipated to be filed with the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board, as well? If so, please identify and explain.

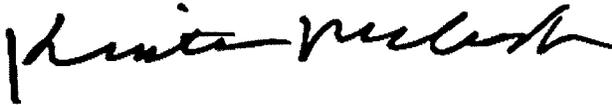
***Commission’s General Statement on Access:***

The Mayor’s Commission for Persons with Disabilities supports barrier-free design and construction in all buildings throughout Boston, including renovation projects as well as new structures. We work with City departments and developers to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal building codes including Boston Complete Streets, Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MGL, 521 CMR) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADAAG, 28 CFR). Designing or constructing structures that are non-compliant with these requirements is a violation of the law unless it can be demonstrated that it would be structurally infeasible to do so.

Priorities for accessibility other than building design and construction include: ensuring maintenance and upkeep of accessibility features; posting signage for way-finding; utilizing compliant barricades throughout construction; designating appropriate location and amount of accessible parking spaces; and removing barriers in existing buildings wherever “readily achievable” (*“easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense”*).

The Commission is available for technical assistance and design review to help achieve accessibility compliance and to ensure that all buildings, sidewalks, parks, and open spaces are usable and welcoming to all of Boston's diverse residents, including those with physical, sensory, intellectual, and communication disabilities.

Thank You.



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## Fwd: Comments due for St. Gabriel's today (or soon thereafter)

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Carrie Marsh <carrie.marsh@boston.gov>

Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 5:35 PM

To: michael.rooney@boston.gov, Jonathan Greeley <jonathan.greeley@boston.gov>, Teresa Polhemus <teresa.polhemus@boston.gov>

Cc: Christopher Cook <christopher.cook@boston.gov>, Liza Meyer <liza.meyer@boston.gov>

Hello -

The proposed redevelopment at St. Gabriel's will provide about 700 housing units adjacent to Overlook Park which will serve as a significant active recreational open space amenity to the project. BPRD is interested in the potential to strengthen the physical connection between that project and the park (please see the email below from Liza Meyer). These design issues should be resolved with the BRA and the developer during the Article 80 review.

BPRD further respectfully requests that a community contribution be considered as appropriate, toward the future planning for improvements and maintenance to this park.

Thank you.



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From: **Liza Meyer** <liza.meyer@boston.gov>

Date: Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 1:03 PM

Subject: Re: Comments due for St. Gabriel's today (or soon thereafter)

To: Carrie Marsh <carrie.marsh@boston.gov>

Carrie

The big goal is to improve the connection to the park and through the St. Gabriel's property from the park back out to the street. The property configuration for Overlook Park is really odd and a park without meaningful street frontage is far from ideal. Opportunities with the St. Gabriel's project include improving public access from Washington St up to the park access stair between their property and the one next door. Improving the staircase itself to increase accessibility (might not be possible to do a ramp though) and make that a more comfortable and inviting stair. Improving wayfinding to and through the park. I don't know yet what we'll be able to achieve given the grades out there - but we certainly want to make the most of the opportunity with both adjacent sites undergoing redevelopment.

The developer sent me some info right before vacation showing the challenges of building a ramp in place of the stair. Next step will be a follow up meeting w them and probably the BRA regarding site design solutions to improve access.

Liza

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**Liza Meyer**

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James P. Long

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October 14, 2015

Michael Rooney  
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159-201 Washington Street, Brighton

Dear Mr. Rooney:

As you know I am a member of the Impact Advisory Group for the proposed project at 159-201 Washington Street. This is my personal evaluation of the amended project that was presented to the members of the IAG on September 27, 2016. /1

#### **Summary Statement**

While the redevelopment of this site would be a welcome addition to the neighborhood, as presently proposed the revised project is not an appropriate reuse of the site based on the negative impacts on the community. Based on the reactions and comments expressed at the public meetings this proposed development is strongly opposed throughout the community.

The overall problem with the proposed project is that it is too large for the site and the neighborhood. Creating 618 new units of housing on this size is unreasonable and would impose a significant negative impact on the neighborhood. Among the significant negative impacts are: a lack of onsite parking spaces; overburdening the existing public transportation system; a substantial increase in the neighborhood density; and a failure to account for the total impact of this project in light of the other residential developments that have been built recently or are at different stages of the post approval development.

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1/ *I live on Mount Hood Road which is three blocks from the project site.*

## **Parking**

As a neighbor of the proposed property the lack of onsite parking for this project is a major concern to me. This neighborhood already has a significant lack of on street parking spaces such that on most evenings there are no spaces left within a 1/4-1/2 mile of your home. When it snows this problem increases geometrically. The developer is proposing to add to this problem by not providing a parking space for every proposed unit.

The developer's prior experience seems to be with developments that are in suburban areas that have ample space for parking. They are not in well-established urban neighborhoods such as Brighton Center.

The developer is only providing 432 spaces for the 618 units. Of those units at least 250 will have two or more bedrooms. This means that 186 units will not have onsite parking. I disagree with the developer's assumption that none of these units will have a car. That is an unreasonable assumption. Even if you were to allow for only 10% of the units having a car that means there will be 19 cars looking for on street parking every day. Currently there is no place for these cars to park. This alone would be a reason to oppose the project.

What the developer's proposal also overlooks is the fact that within a quarter mile of this site there are two projects that have recently come on line and a third that is about to start construction. The developer has made no allowance for the negative impact that these new development will have on the community. Instead the developer intends to exacerbate the situation.

## **Project Density**

The density of the revised project remains a major concern that is ignored by the developer. As proposed the project would have a total of 953 bedrooms. The total number of new residents would therefore likely exceed 1,000 people. They would impose a substantial strain on the all means of transportation on both Washington Street and Cambridge Street.

The project should be redesigned so that there are no more than 400 units distributed along the same percentages as proposed for the 618 units. In addition the number of new structures should be reduced by one building.

To whom it may concern,

I am a member of the IAG for the St Gabriel's Project. Since going to the meetings, I have heard two major concerns continually addressed above all others.

First, people in this neighborhood are tired of developers coming in and building only apartment with no condominium units. Long term this will be detrimental to our community because it maintains a transient base rather than with people who have a stake in the community. I am aware they changed the original plans to add some condo units (which I was very happy to see). However, I think that they should have more condo units. In addition, the placements of condos are not appealing, crammed into the front of the development without any views of the city. The better the location, the better sell and resell in the future. In my opinion, the present location would be a difficult sell because they will be completely surrounded by this development basically a "dorm without affiliation to a college". I also believe it is important write into the condo docs that they must be owner occupied. If not, we might as well let the developer rent the units and make the money on them.

The second major concern I have heard at every meeting is the parking/transportation issues. As a member of the St. Elizabeth Task Force, I'm confused by the sale of the back parking lot because I thought that it was locked into their institutional master plan. Aside from that, the new development is low on its parking ratio which would be a concern on its own. We also need to account for all the cars that are going to be relocated from the St. Elizabeth's lot. It's been expressed in the public meetings that the green line is already past capacity which begs the question of how people will get to and from this development. The Cabot group has posted some information about traffic studies online that hasn't been presented to the IAG. I know they have pushed back this comment period more than once and that they have made changes to their plans but I still feel that there is a lot of work to be done before we get to the point of approval.

There are other issues associated with this development including density and final building size. I think the first two issues I laid out are critically and need to be addressed before tackling the rest of the project, to a degree that I think it's premature to be even talking about them.

Thank You,

John Bligh (IAG Member)

## St. Gabriel's - 159-201 Washington Street IAG Comment Letter

Michael Rooney  
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October 14, 2016

Dear Michael:

Re: St. Gabriel's property – 159-201 Washington St project, Brighton

This letter is to provide feedback from a majority of IAG members for the above referenced project. We have attended IAG and community meetings, and reached out to area residents and stakeholders.

We oppose further advancement on this project until our concerns are addressed, and real, substantive changes and improvements have been made to the proposal. Items of particular concern include size and density, need for increased home ownership opportunities, and the ongoing issue with St. Elizabeth's IMP and legality of their sale of the parking lot as a building site for this project.

### Comments and concerns:

1. IAG seeks clarification of the St. Elizabeth's parking lot issue before further advancing this project or process. We expect a full legal explanation as to how St. E's was arbitrarily able to sell the parking lot, a requirement within their IMP, to Cabot & Cabot. If St E's was not legally allowed to do so, the entire project is moot. **The precedence created by allowing this type of a deal to take place has huge implications for our neighborhood given the number of IMPs in the area, and will influence our view of any past or future IMP agreements.** Last week Steward announced the sale of the remaining hospital property raising even more concerns on future plans at the location, implications of the prior sale, and status of the IMP.
2. This property is a jewel in Brighton and in a sensitive area that transitions from Brighton Center, through a stable neighborhood and connects to Fidelis Way. What is built here needs to increase community stability, provide diverse housing options and fit with the neighborhood, not

accelerate the transient aspects of Brighton. We believe the number of units proposed, the building quality and size of units, and the targeted market will not support this goal.

3. Size and massing of buildings: While we appreciate the developer adding condos to the project, this building is an additional structure at the complex, so is increasing number of buildings, not reducing. Also, the church is now being kept (a plus, but still more buildings). This means we have the original 4 high rises, the mansard style house and Monastery, plus the church, and the condo building. This is too much.
4. Density: At the public meetings, residents were clear: this project is too big and too dense. The original plan was 679 units with approximately 1000 bedrooms. The updated plan includes 953 bedrooms. While the unit mix has been improved, the decrease in density is miniscule.
5. Home ownership: While we appreciate the developer's willingness to include condominium opportunities, he has added them by including an additional structure, instead of making part of the originally proposed units condos. We continue to believe this project is too geared to transient residents and will be detrimental to the stability of the neighborhood.

#### Recommendations:

If and when Cabot & Cabot, BPDA and St. E's provide satisfactory proof that that the parking lot can (and has been) legally severed from the St. E's IMP, we would like to see the following incorporated into the plan:

1. Reduce project size by approximately 1/3. Possible ways to accomplish:
  - a) Remove one of the high rise buildings all together
  - b) Remove one floor from each building
2. **Increase home ownership opportunities/condos to a minimum of 25% of final project. This can be accomplished by making one of the high rise structures into condos.**
3. Reduce height of building one and increase upper floor setbacks to better blend with neighborhood.
4. Increase parking ratio. Planning and developers continue to ignore the makeup, commuter paths, lifestyle, driving habits and overcapacity public transit options in Brighton. If even 10% of the proposed new residents without designated parking spaces have cars, that will increase parking demand in the immediate area approx 25 spaces; 20% would be 50 more cars on that block.

5. Planning study for this area. IAG members believe it is impossible to evaluate this project without understanding the rest of the development proposed for the Washington and Commonwealth corridor. We need a comprehensive study of that area in order to ensure our infrastructure (open space, streets, public transit) are sufficient to handle the increased capacity of all these units, we are unable to sufficiently determine these issues absent this type of comprehensive review.

A high quality development, with home ownership opportunities, geared towards families, professionals and long term residents would be a transformative project for Brighton. The current proposal does none of these things and will negatively impact and destabilize the community.

Sincerely,

The following 159-201 IAG Members

Abigail Furey  
Anabela Gomes  
Athena Laines  
Carol Martinez  
Dan Daley  
Diane Kline  
James Long  
John Bligh  
Joanne LaPlante  
Rick Hollohan

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October 12, 2016

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Gregory J. Galer, Ph.D.

Mr. Michael Rooney  
Project Manager  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
Via email: [Michael.Rooney@Boston.gov](mailto:Michael.Rooney@Boston.gov)

Re: 159-201 Washington Street - St. Gabriel's Monastery, Brighton

Dear Mr. Rooney,

The Boston Preservation Alliance is Boston's primary, non-profit advocacy organization that protects and promotes the use of historic buildings and landscapes in all of the city's neighborhoods. With 40 Organizational Members, 94 Corporate Members, and a reach of 35,000 friends and supporters we represent a diverse constituency advocating for the thoughtful evolution of the city and celebration of its unique character. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to offer comments on projects that impact the historic character of the city.

The Landmarked St. Gabriel's Monastery building as well as the prominent site (in part initially designed by the famed Olmsted Brothers firm), and the adjacent church are important elements of the Allston-Brighton neighborhood. However, the St. Gabriel's campus, given its large size and open space, presents a unique opportunity for development to meet the serious housing shortage in Boston, while demonstrating that such growth can be done in a manner sensitive to the adjacent neighborhood and historic resources.

The Preservation Alliance and the development team from Cabot, Cabot and Forbes have met on several occasions to review the evolving proposal and for the Alliance to offer comments and feedback. I am pleased to report that the CCF team has welcomed a healthy dialog and responded well to our comments and concerns. While the project is actively evolving and we are not yet able to offer clear and complete support until more details are available, we do wish the BRA to know that the evolution we have seen in the plan is quite positive.

After initially proposing to demolish the church on the site and new construction that we felt somewhat crowded the Landmark Monastery, we are pleased the team is now planning on retaining the church and allowing

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the monastery and church to act as focal points for the project. We look forward to continued dialog and development of the project. If the progress so far is any indication we feel this can be an important project for the neighborhood and the city that successfully blends unique historic resources with new construction, both creating much needed housing while preserving characteristics that make Boston unique.

Please note that the Monastery is not only a Boston Landmark (and therefore changes to it need to be approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission), but also the Massachusetts Historical Commission hold a Preservation Restriction on the property and they therefore must approve changes to the Monastery as well. We encourage the proponent to keep both agencies fully informed as their planning progresses.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GA', written in a cursive style.

Greg Galer  
Executive Director

CC:

Rosanne Foley, Boston Landmarks Commission  
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John Sullivan, Cabot, Cabot & Forbes



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St Gabriel's project Brighton

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Ed Foley [REDACTED]

Wed, Aug 10, 2016 at 6:57 PM

To: "Michael.Rooney@Boston.gov" <Michael.Rooney@boston.gov>

Dear Mr Rooney

I wish to comment on the St Gabriel project.

Local 17 Sheet Metal Workers is supporting this project. We believe this is a great project for the city it answers several needs that we face in the city.

1. Housing

We are in dire need of housing all through our city and this project will supply that housing to the universities both their staff and students as well as you go professionals needing to live in Brighton.

2. Neighborhood improvements

I think everyone agrees that this property needs work. The property presently is in disrepair and rundown. This project will fix this repairing and renovating the monastery to the beautiful structure it once was.

3. Revenue

The taxes and revenue generated by this project will certainly benefit our city.

4. Jobs

I serve as Business Representative of the Sheet Metal Workers Local 17 and I represent Brighton for the Sheet Metal Workers. I have been to numerous BRA meetings in Boston many of these meetings in Brighton such as Cleveland Circle project with Cranshaw Construction, the Boston College projects most recently their athletic complex also their dormitories and many more also the New Balance project and Bruins practice rink and the Celtics facilities and residential projects. John Moriarty residential project a couple of years ago.

What these projects have in common is they were all built with Union labor using contractors that support area standards, wages and benefits, apprenticeship programs and using local labor hiring women and people of color and veterans giving all the opportunity to have a good paying job and training to have a long productive career. Many of my members have worked on these projects and some of them live in Brighton.

Cabot Cabot and Forbes and John Moriarty have committed themselves to building a quality project with area standard wages and benefits and apprenticeship programs. That is why Sheet Metal Workers Local 17 and our membership support this project. Thank you.

Sincerely

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## St. Gabriels's

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Ruth Segaloff [REDACTED]  
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Fri, Aug 12, 2016 at 3:03 PM

Dear Mr. Rooney,

As a member of Unbound Visual Arts, I'm writing to support the St. Gabriel's project. The proposal to include an art gallery will be very beneficial to all local artists. It's also consistent with the Boston Creates Cultural Plan to open additional exhibition venues in the neighborhoods of Boston.

This project will also preserve a City of Boston landmark, provide needed housing, and make available much needed public open space. I urge the BRA to approve this project.

Respectfully,

Ruth Segaloff  
[REDACTED]

10/3/2016

City of Boston Mail - 159201 Washington Street (St. Gabriel's)



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## 159201 Washington Street (St. Gabriel's)

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Fri, Sep 2, 2016 at 11:55 AM

Dear Michael,

I have been associated with the property on Washington St. where the Old Passionist Monastery is currently located for the last 30 years. I can't tell you how excited I am to see the property being developed in a very thoughtful way. We as a group (Crusaders of Fatima) were very concerned to what was going to become of the property because of the neglect of the Steward who owns and runs the hospital. They have not been good neighbors letting the property be run into the ground, my fear was that we would be before you a year from now protesting them tearing down the Monastery because of neglect. I tried contacting the Steward on several occasions and they consistently blew me off and never allowed me to speak to that Patrick Murphy even though I had emailed and called on numerous occasions. It wasn't until Cabot, Cabot & Forbes contacted us directly and explained their plans for the property. They also listened to our concerns and were willing to accommodate us. They even took some of our suggestions and incorporated them into their plan. I have to admit that I was a little suspicious and it wasn't until I saw the presentation at your meeting that I was really impressed with the design and what they had in store for the property. I personally think it will be a huge improvement to the neighborhood, I support what is being proposed especially with the Olmstead portion, public access and preservation of the Monastery. I look forward to the project as it develops. I think the shrine will be beautiful, thank CC&F for the investment into this property and I look forward to seeing it completed.

Thanks,

Ned Greene

VP Crusaders of Fatima

10/3/2016

City of Boston Mail - Development 159/Washington St (St Gabriels Graduate Stud.



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## Development 159/Washington St (St Gabriels Graduate Stud.

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diane brown [REDACTED]  
To: Michael.Rooney@boston.gov  
Cc: [REDACTED]

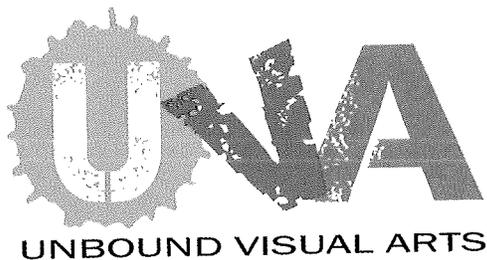
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Thank You

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Michael Rooney  
BRA Project Assistant  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
Room 910  
Boston City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02201-2043

Dear Mr. Rooney:

**Unbound Visual Arts (UVA)**, a non-profit based in Allston-Brighton, has met with representatives of Cabot, Cabot & Forbes, the developers of St. Gabriel's property (159-201 Washington St., Brighton), which has been proposed for housing. We requested that they consider a dedicated art exhibition space managed by Unbound Visual Arts to be located in the historic Monastery building. This would be both a community benefit and a project amenity. The developers like this idea and have included it into their Article 80 application to the BRA. The current language states: *"The Proponent will explore including a dedicated area in the restored Monastery for community based art exhibits."* There are some design and management issues to be addressed but we are confident that the idea will continue to be deemed very appropriate for the project and the community. This is also consistent with the new **Boston Creates Cultural Plan** to open additional exhibition venues in the neighborhoods. As the only 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Allston-Brighton that is dedicated to the visual arts, Unbound Visual Arts is very excited about this proposal.

In addition to the new housing, the project has several other noteworthy elements, including the rehabilitation and preservation of the long-neglected historic Monastery building, which is individually listed as a City of Boston Landmark and is included in the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, the project will construct a new *Our Lady of Fatima* shrine and provide over 7 acres of new open space for the community.

I urge the BRA to approve this project.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Quatrate', is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name 'John Quatrate' and title 'Executive Director' are printed in a clean, sans-serif font.

John Quatrate  
Executive Director



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## Saint Gabriel's Property

1 message

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**Christine Winship** [REDACTED]  
Reply-To: Christine Winship [REDACTED]  
To: "michael.rooney@boston.gov" <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 11:26 AM

Dear Mr. Rooney,

My name is Christine Winship and I am a local artist from the Allston area. I'm writing to you as an artist, a resident and also as a member of the board of directors of Unbound Visual Arts to let you know that I believe it would be a great idea to use this property as a dedicated art and exhibit space managed by UVA. This would be an extreme benefit to the community seeing as there are very limited art spaces in that area now.

I also think as well as exhibits, we could generate an interest in arts within the community but hosting classes and talks regarding arts and creativity.

I hope that the BRA approves this project.

thank you for your time,  
Christine Winship

Christine Winship is The Pedigree Artist  
<http://www.thepedigreeartist.com/>

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City of Boston Mail - St. Gabriels's



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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**St. Gabriels's**

1 message

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 2:13 PM

Anne Silber [REDACTED]  
To: michael.rooney@boston.gov

Dear Mr. Rooney,

As a member of Unbound Visual Arts and a resident/homeowner of Brighton I am writing to support the St. Gabriel's project. The proposal to include an art gallery will be very beneficial to all local artists. It is also consistent with the **Boston Creates Cultural Plan** to open additional exhibition venues in the neighborhoods of Boston.

This project will also preserve a City of Boston landmark, provide needed housing, and make available much needed public open space.

I urge the BRA to approve this project.

Sincerely,  
Anne Silber



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

**St. Gabriels's**

1 message

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 2:23 PM

Pauline Lim [REDACTED]  
Reply-To: Pauline Lim [REDACTED]  
To: "michael.rooney@boston.gov" <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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Pauline Lim  
Brickbottom Artists Building  
[REDACTED]  
Somerville, MA 02143-2128

My art and music website: [www.paulinelim.net](http://www.paulinelim.net)

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Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St. Gabriel's project

1 message

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Tsun Ming Chmielinski [REDACTED]  
To: michael.rooney@boston.gov

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 2:39 PM

Dear Mr. Rooney,

I am writing to support the St. Gabriel's project. As a member of Unbound Visual Arts; a member of the Council of Advisers; as well as an artist living in Boston, this project is important to me. The proposal to include an art gallery will be very beneficial to all local artists. It is also consistent with the Boston Creates Cultural Plan to open additional exhibition venues in the neighborhoods of Boston.

I urge the BRA to approve this project.

Very truly yours,  
Tsun Ming Chmielinski

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Tsun Ming Chmielinski  
[www.tmgallery.org](http://www.tmgallery.org)

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City of Boston Mail - Unbound Visual Arts and St. Gabriel's Project



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## Unbound Visual Arts and St. Gabriel's Project

1 message

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Anita Cohen [REDACTED]  
To: michael.rooney@boston.gov

Tue, Aug 9, 2016 at 8:25 AM

Dear Mr. Rooney,

I am a watercolor artist and a member of Unbound Visual Arts. I am writing to support the St. Gabriel's project. The proposal to include an art gallery will be very beneficial to all local artists. It is also consistent with the **Boston Creates Cultural Plan** to open additional exhibition venues in the neighborhoods of Boston.

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I urge the BRA to approve this project.

Thank you,  
Anita Helen Cohen

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Anita Helen Cohen  
<http://www.anitahelencohenart.com>

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City of Boston Mail - Support for St. Gabriel's project



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## Support for St. Gabriel's project

1 message

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 11:25 PM

Susanna Hilfer [REDACTED]

Reply-To: Susanna Hilfer [REDACTED]

To: "michael.rooney@boston.gov" <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

Dear Mr. Rooney,

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Thank you,

*Susanna Hilfer*  
Brookline, MA

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Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St. Gabriels's

1 message

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Lynda Goldberg [REDACTED]  
To: michael.rooney@boston.gov

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 6:29 PM

Dear Me. Rooney,

As a member of Unbound Visual Arts, an artist, and a resident/homeowner/ in neighboring Newton. I am writing to support the St. Gabriel's project. The proposal to include an art gallery will be very beneficial to all local artists and the entire Boston area community. It is also consistent with the **Boston Creates Cultural Plan** to open additional exhibition venues in the neighborhoods of Boston.

This project will also preserve a City of Boston landmark, provide needed housing, and make available much needed public open space.

I urge the BRA to approve this project.

Lynda Goldberg

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Michael Rooney &lt;michael.rooney@boston.gov&gt;

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**St. Gabriel's**

1 message

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**Richard Salvucci** [REDACTED]  
To: michael.rooney@boston.gov

Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 5:59 PM

Dear Mr. Rooney,

I'm sure you'll be receiving a number of these E-mails concerning the possibility of creating a gallery space at the St. Gabriel's development. As well as a gallery space is there any possibility of there being a space where art classes could be taught as well? I'm a lifelong resident of Brighton and an artist. I've taught classes at the Brighton Branch library but a designated area would be great also. An 'Art Center' per say. Just a thought...

Thank you...

Richard Salvucci

As a member of Unbound Visual Arts and a lifelong resident of Brighton. I am writing to support the St. Gabriel's project. The proposal to include an art gallery will be very beneficial to all local artists. It is also consistent with the **Boston Creates Cultural Plan** to open additional exhibition venues in the neighborhoods of Boston.

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I urge the BRA to approve this project.

Richard Salvucci



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August 12, 2016

Mr. Michael Rooney  
BRA  
1 City Hall Square #9  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Rooney:

I wish to comment on the St. Gabriel Project. Local 17 Sheet Metal Workers is supporting this project. We believe this is a great project for the city, it answers several needs that we face in the city.

### 1. Housing

We are in dire need of housing all through our city and this project will supply that housing to the universities, both their staff and students as well as young professionals needing to live in Brighton.

### 2. Neighborhood Improvements

I think everyone agrees that this property needs work. The property presently is in disrepair and run down. This project will fix this repairing and renovate the monastery to the beautiful structure it once was.

### 3. Revenue

The taxes and revenue generated by this project will certainly benefit our city.

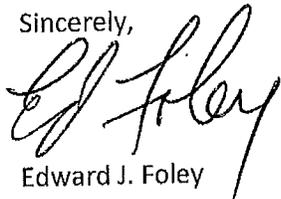
### 4. Jobs

I serve as Business Representative of the Sheet Metal Workers Local 17 and I represent Brighton for the Sheet Metal Workers. I have been to numerous BRA meetings in Boston, many of these meetings in Brighton, such as Cleveland Circle project with Cranshaw Construction, The Boston College projects, most recently their athletic complex, also their dormitories and many more. Also the New Balance project and Bruins practice rink and the Celtics facilities and resident projects. John Moriarty residential project a couple of years ago.

What these projects have in common is that they were all built with Union Labor using contractors that support standard wages and benefits, apprentice programs and using local labor hiring women and people of color and veterans , giving all the opportunity to have a good paying job and training to have a long, productive career. Many of my members have worked on these projects and some of them live in Brighton.

Cabot Cabot and Forbes and John Moriarty have committed themselves to building a quality project with area standard wages and benefits and apprenticeship programs. This is why Sheet Metal Workers Local 17 and our membership support this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E.J. Foley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Edward J. Foley  
Business Representative

cc: Jay Doherty  
Cabot Cabot and Forbes

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City of Boston Mail - St. Gabriels's



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St. Gabriels's

1 message

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LindaClave@aol.com [REDACTED]  
To: michael.rooney@boston.gov

Wed, Aug 10, 2016 at 12:30 PM

Dear Mr. Rooney,  
As a member of Unbound Visual Arts (if applicable; and a resident of Boston). I am writing to support the St. Gabriel's project. The proposal to include an art gallery will be very beneficial to all local artists. It is also consistent with the **Boston Creates Cultural Plan** to open additional exhibition venues in the neighborhoods of Boston.

This project will also preserve a City of Boston landmark, provide needed housing, and make available much needed public open space.

I urge the BRA to approve this project.

*LindaClave*

[lindaclavearts.com](http://lindaclavearts.com)

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8/12/2016

City of Boston Mail - St. Gabriel's property, 159-201 Washington St., Brighton



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St. Gabriel's property, 159-201 Washington St., Brighton

1 message

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Karen Smigliani [REDACTED]  
To: michael.rooney@boston.gov

Thu, Aug 11, 2016 at 7:35 AM

Dear Mr. Rooney:

As the only 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Allston-Brighton that is dedicated to the visual arts, **Unbound Visual Arts (UVA)** is very excited about being included in the housing proposal for St. Gabriel's property (159-201 Washington St., Brighton). UVA has requested that Cabot, Cabot & Forbes, the developers of the St. Gabriel's property, consider a dedicated art exhibition space to be managed by Unbound Visual Arts that would be located in the historic Monastery building.

The Allston-Brighton area is in much need of a dedicated space to exhibit art, engage and educate the community, and to support the large number of artists working and living in the area.

I urge the BRA to approve this project.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Karen Smigliani  
Council of Advisors  
Unbound Visual Arts



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St. Gabriels's

1 message

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Ruth Segaloff [REDACTED]  
To: michael.rooney@boston.gov

Fri, Aug 12, 2016 at 3:03 PM

Dear Mr. Rooney,

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Respectfully,

Ruth Segaloff  
[REDACTED]

From: **diane brown** [REDACTED]  
Subject: Development 159/Washington St (St Gabriels Graduate Stud.  
Date: September 29, 2016 at 2:43 PM  
To: Michael.Rooney@Boston.gov  
Cc: [REDACTED]



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Thank You

Diane Brown



August 1, 2016

Michael Rooney  
Project Assistant  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
One City Hall Square  
Boston, MA 02201

Re: St. Gabriel's/Brighton

Dear Michael:

I am writing in support of the proposed housing development on Washington Street by Cabot, Cabot & Forbes. Our firm has been in Brighton for 8 years now, working on the same issues of increasing affordable housing opportunities (and, in fact, all housing opportunities) in Boston and across Massachusetts. We are well aware of the Commonwealth Housing Task Force's Housing Report Cards and the need for more housing of all types in Boston and the surrounding communities for the foreseeable future. Identifying appropriate sites, securing them, having the capital and the staying power for the long battles that often ensue can be handled by few firms – and CC&F is one of them. This is a great site for the types of housing being proposed and we welcome the addition to the housing stock, not only for the neighborhood and the city but for the region as well.

Our firm (in its first iteration as Justin Gray Associates) was commissioned by DHCD to prepare the first Housing Needs Study for the Commonwealth in 1970 and I worked on that study. Reflecting back, I have to admit that the housing needs are greater now than they were even then and it is a testament to how difficult it is to produce housing in a timely manner, even when the need is acknowledged. So, when an opportunity like this comes up, it surely should be supported and I would say, even "expedited" (but I know better...)

Good luck in sheparding this through the permitting process.

Bob Engler  
President  
SEB,LLC

Michael Rooney  
Project Assistant  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
One City Hall Square  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Michael,

We recently accepted the opportunity to meet with the project's developer and learn more about the project that they are proposing at the St. Gabriel's site. I am a resident of Brighton and work a lot with the local community in and around the neighborhood. While we had comments and questions that we outlined to CC&F, we are generally support of the project that they are proposing. We provided support letters for residents to sign for those who wish to see the site redeveloped. I have attached those letters here. Please feel free to contact me for any additional questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Shujaur Rehman  
Brighton Renew Home



Michael Rooney  
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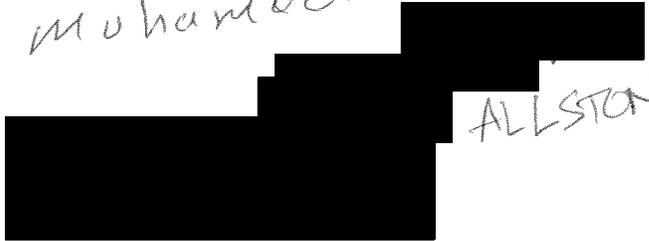
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Sincerely,



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Sincerely,

ABDUL RAHAMAN

Brookline MA 02462

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Sincerely,

Masood Bhatti

  
Chestnut Hill, MA  
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Sincerely,

Fazal Sardar



Brighton MA 02135

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Sincerely,

Mücahit BÖNAY



Newton

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Sincerely,

SAIMA SALEEM

  
WEST ROXBURY, MA, 02132

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Sincerely,

Shojaur Rehman



Brookline MA 02445

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Sincerely,

M. A. Abbasi  
[Redacted]  
Brighton MA 02135  
PK No. [Redacted]

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Sincerely,

SHAMLAN SHEIKH

[REDACTED]  
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WEST ROXBURY, MA, 02132.

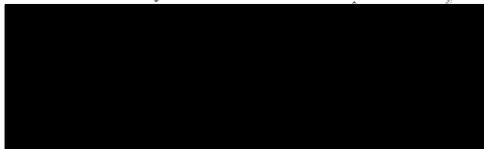
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Sincerely,

Ashfaq Rafiq



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Sincerely,

*Justin Davis*  
W. ABBAS



BRIGHTON  
MA 02131

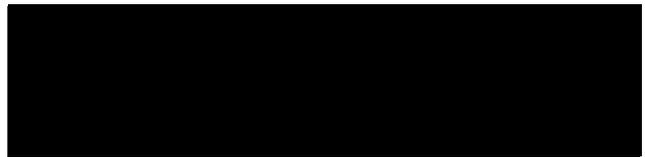
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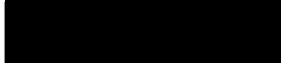
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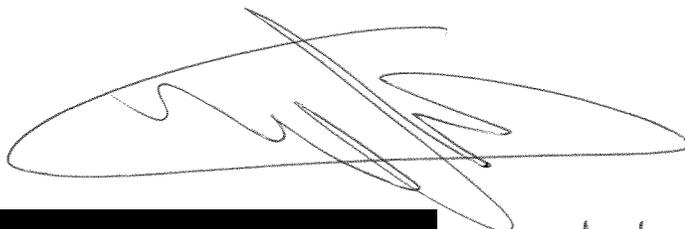
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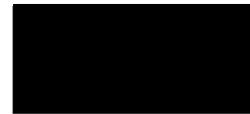
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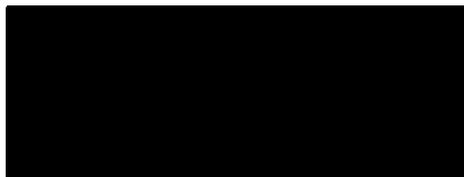
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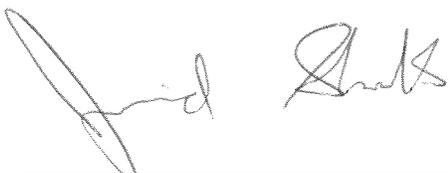
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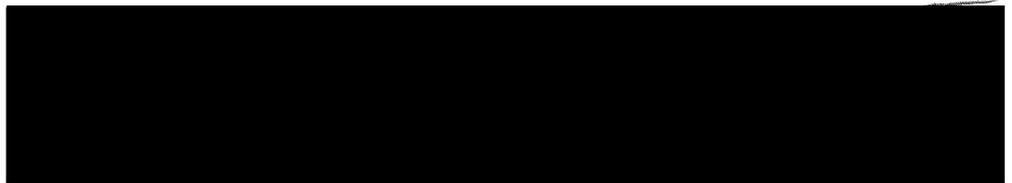
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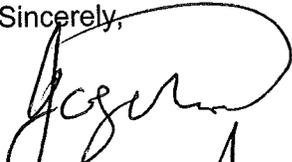
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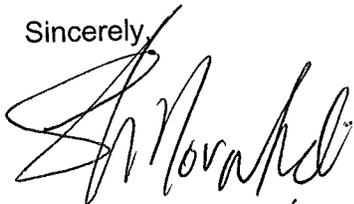
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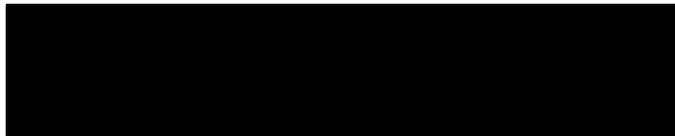
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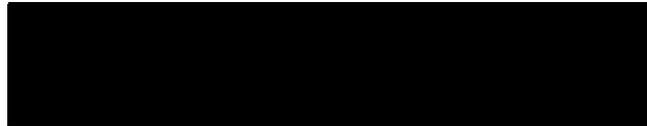
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- SAYED.ABDELSALAM

owner - BRICK-HOUSE PIZZA



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Thanks.

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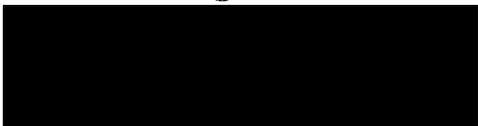
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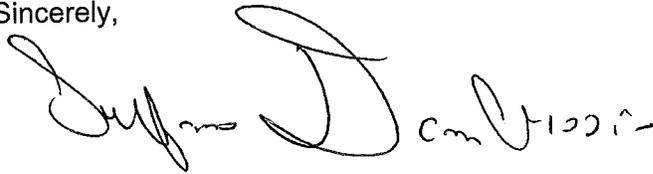
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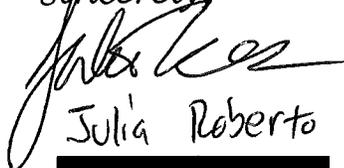
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City of Boston Mail - Comment re. 159-201 Washington Street (St. Gabriel's)



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## Comment re. 159-201 Washington Street (St. Gabriel's)

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Eva Webster [REDACTED]  
To: Michael Rooney <Michael.Rooney@boston.gov>

Tue, Oct 11, 2016 at 3:02 AM

To the BPDA Development Review Team:

We would like to register our strong objection to the proposed project at 159-201 Washington Street (St. Gabriel's site) due to its predominantly transient nature.

Allston-Brighton is too transient as it is. We think that this site should be used to build high-quality owner-occupied housing.

Thank you.

Eva Webster  
Leland Webster  
Ludwik Gorzanski

[REDACTED]  
Brighton

10/3/2016

City of Boston Mail - St. Gabriel's Development



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St. Gabriel's Development

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Sun, Oct 2, 2016 at 11:34 AM

[REDACTED]  
To: Michael.Rooney@boston.gov

Dear Mr. Rooney,

I am writing to let you know how pleased I am about the developers saving St. Gabriel's Church and putting it to use. This is wonderful news. I am also please that the developer is going to reduce the number of units and add a small number of condos. While this is good news the development is still too dense and more opportunities of home ownership are needed. I hope that the Boston Planning and Development Authority will take these two things into to consideration before issuing the final approval.

Thank you.

Mary Regan

[REDACTED]  
Brighton, MA 02135  
[REDACTED]



Michael Rooney &lt;michael.rooney@boston.gov&gt;

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## Comments on St. Gabriel's Development (159-201 Washington St)

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Emma Hawes [REDACTED]  
To: Michael.Rooney@boston.gov

Tue, Aug 30, 2016 at 9:24 AM

Hello Mr. Rooney,

My name is Emma Hawes, and I spoke at the August 10th BRA meeting regarding the development at the St. Gabriel's monastery location. First, I wanted to thank you and the rest of the BRA staff for keeping the meeting running fairly smoothly. The gentleman with the microphone (and I apologize, I failed to write down his name) handled a passionate crowd with aplomb, and he certainly deserves many compliments for his efforts. If you could pass along my praise I would greatly appreciate it.

I am writing to encourage the BRA to do two things: first, to organize a special committee to develop an overarching visionary plan for development in the Allston/Brighton area, particularly Washington Street; second, to reject the St. Gabriel's plan as it currently stands.

My first item seems like it should be easy to accomplish, and with at least three active development plans in the works right now for the same small stretch of Washington Street, also seems necessary. For example, the traffic analyses performed now for any one of those developments can't yet take into account the traffic that will be created by the other two developments. I'm personally new to involvement with community action and with the BRA, so I don't know what form this committee or plan would take, but I'm under the impression that such plans have been created for other neighborhoods and developments. Allston-Brighton needs an analysis of what will best serve the neighborhood in the long run, and talking about each development piecemeal seems inefficient and likely not to produce the best results.

My second point ties into one of the reasons I feel we need active, intentional planning in Allston-Brighton. I'm fairly young, all things considered. I live in Allston, and in the years since I graduated, I've watched as many of my college friends, hoping to build wealth by buying property, were forced to move out of the city to find homes in their price range. These are friends who had lived in Allston-Brighton, and who had enjoyed the city life and all it had to offer. Friends who are making plans to start families. Friends with solid middle-class jobs. These friends wanted to stay in Allston-Brighton, and would have been happy with a two-bedroom condominium. Unfortunately, the current real estate market offers few opportunities for young families.

My husband and I were very lucky in that we were able to scrape together a down payment on a tiny condo just as the real estate bubble was popping. Our building, at 244 Brighton Avenue, had been an industrial building, but was renovated to create condos. In our building, there is a mix of owner-occupants and renters. This highlights one of the best parts of condo buildings that seems to be ignored by many people who advocate for apartments: a condo can be rented out, but an apartment can never be owned. A multi-bedroom condo can be occupied by a family or multiple adults for a much more reasonable price than they would pay to rent micro-units. Our building is better maintained than many rental properties in Boston, simply because, for some of us, it's literally our home. Many recent proposed (and approved) developments treat Allston-Brighton not as a place where people can live and put down roots, but as a place where profits can be generated for landlords. That's not what I want to see in my neighborhood. It doesn't promote an involved neighborhood or happy neighbors.

The monastery site is one of the loveliest bits of green property left in Allston-Brighton. That green space is vital to attracting middle-class families back to the city. A development in that space could provide reasonably priced condominiums, with layouts large enough for families. Certainly some of those would be purchased by investors intending to rent them out; I'm not naive enough to deny the likelihood of that. But at least some of them could be purchased by young families hoping to live there.

At the meeting, the feedback from the developer made it seem that he was far more receptive to adding additional parking than he was to changing the development to condominiums. I do feel that additional parking spaces would be a draw for the development, and that those cars wouldn't necessarily all be driven every day (my husband and I have one car, but we use it to leave the city, not to go to work everyday). However, the issue of home ownership is far more important to me than the issue of parking. Currently, it seems as though CCF has an investment partner that has only focused on dorm-like developments in the past. That does not mean that it is impossible for them to build condos, or to change their partnership to a company more amenable to condominiums.

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I believe that the BRA has a responsibility to encourage home ownership in Boston. This has been a stated goal of the mayor, and was vociferously demanded by the people attending the 8/10 meeting about St. Gabriel's. The current St. Gabriel's plan does nothing to help increase stability in Allston-Brighton. It builds wealth only for the developer, not for community residents.

Please reject the current proposal for the St. Gabriel's development, and work to create an over-arching plan for Washington Street in Allston-Brighton that encourages home ownership.

Thank you very much,  
Emma Hawes

10/3/2016

City of Boston Mail - ST. GABRIEL'S



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## ST. GABRIEL'S

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Diane Kline [REDACTED]  
To: Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

Sat, Oct 1, 2016 at 4:07 PM

Hi Mike:

CC&F has made modest changes to the project by slightly decreasing density and incorporating 40 condominium units. While I'm personally delighted that the church will be repurposed, my concerns about the project's density and the lack of significant home ownership remain. These concerns were also reflected in the comments from community members at the public meeting last Thursday night, and I hope they can be successfully resolved.

Thanks,  
Diane

8/9/2016

City of Boston Mail - 159-201 Washington St.



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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**159-201 Washington St.**

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Lisa [REDACTED]  
To: Michael.Rooney@boston.gov

Sun, Aug 7, 2016 at 8:17 PM

The St. Gabriel's project as currently proposed is without merit and will serve to further destroy a neighborhood already crushed by the weight of colleges and a transient population. We need housing for families, who will have an investment in the community. The city would be remiss to allow this type of housing to be built where housing could be built to attract renters and/or homeowners who would contribute to the vitality of Brighton. The density of this project will cause traffic problems both vehicular and foot and will overload the public transportation system. This is a primo piece of land and should be put to better use. A successful city needs more than just micro-housing, universities, hospitals, and commercial enterprises, it needs people who can establish roots and can call the city home.

Lisa Lieberman  
[REDACTED]

Brighton, Ma  
Sent from my iPad



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St. Gabriel Rectory proposal feedback

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Daniel Aldrich <[REDACTED]> Wed, Aug 10, 2016 at 7:01 PM  
To: Tim Davis <tim.davis@boston.gov>, Katelyn Sullivan <katelyn.sullivan@boston.gov>, Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

Dear BRA / city of Boston,

I remain concern about the proposal for the renovation of the site at St. Gabriel Rectory for two main reasons.

1) As it stands now, the firm has yet to specify if it will provide homes for purchase within this development. Given that only 1/5 of Brighton residents own their homes, I feel that this dormitory-style development is not helping our community. For me to support the development I'd need to see homes for purchase for lower income and middle class families, not just rentals for students.

2) This proposal, with .58 parking spaces per unit, will result in at least 290 people needing to park their cars on local streets. As of now - and we own our condo on Union Street, just a block away - on street parking is at capacity. Where will these additional cars be parked? Washington Street is already full of cars.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel Aldrich

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[REDACTED]  
Allston, MA 02134  
October 10, 2016

Mr. Michael Rooney  
Project Assistant  
Boston Planning & Development Agency

RE: St. Gabriel's and Washington St. Corridor, Brighton

Dear Mr. Rooney:

Thank you for the recent public meeting you held regarding the development of the St. Gabriel's property on Washington St. in Brighton. I share the concerns expressed at that meeting by the many Allston-Brighton residents in attendance. And I hope that the BPDA will address these issues that were raised as the project moves forward:

**Homeownership:** Our Allston-Brighton community is concerned about dwindling opportunities for homeownership. The developer of St. Gabriel's has proposed 555 new rental units and only 40 condominiums. There should be a better mix, with a large increase in the number of condos.

**Demographic Imbalance:** The mayor's recent housing report indicates that Allston-Brighton has the largest student population in Boston, by far! The new St. Gabriel's units should NOT be marketed to students. What we need instead is housing that is affordable and appealing to working adults, retirees, and families. That means providing additional larger units for those who want to stay in the neighborhood or establish roots here.

**Planning the Washington St. Corridor:** There is currently new development being proposed on four sites along a small section of Washington St. These sites stretch from 5 Washington St. to St. Gabriel's. Because there are more than 1000 new residential units in the pipeline, the entire corridor should be carefully considered and planned as a whole, particularly with regard to the impact on parking, traffic, and public transportation.

**St. Gabriel's:** As several people mentioned at the public meeting, St. Gabriel's is a unique site that offers the possibility for building something really wonderful. This opportunity should not be wasted by erecting a lot of small, standard apartments that simply increase the density of our community. I hope the BPDA will consider building something that will really enhance the neighborhood and support our local businesses. Also, the current proposal does not yet adequately address the need for parking or have a workable traffic pattern within the site.

Thank you for your consideration. My greatest concern is that the BPDA be responsive to Allston-Brighton residents by supporting housing that promotes long-term residency, thereby helping to stabilize our community.

Sincerely,  
Gloria Tatarian



Michael Rooney &lt;michael.rooney@boston.gov&gt;

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**St. Gabriel's**

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Susan Heideman [REDACTED]  
To: Michael.Rooney@boston.gov

Mon, Oct 10, 2016 at 7:44 PM

Dear Mr. Rooney,

I have lived in Brighton for 12 years. I live in a condominium that was developed by Hamilton in 2003-4, consisting of one renovated muffler factory of 12 loft units and one brand new four-story bldg. of 24 apt. units. We have considerable land surrounding our two buildings with handsome landscaping. As a trustee of the condo association, I am apprised of the details of all the sales of units in these two buildings.

I have seen the value of these condo units skyrocket. During the last year three units, (one loft unit and two apt. units) have garnered multiple above-asking price offers within a day or two of their crowded open-houses. We have a very restrictive rental policy, and all three of the buyers now live in their units.

On the basis of these sales, I KNOW there is a large and eager population interested in BUYING high-quality condo units in Brighton. Our units are described as "luxury," although with the exception of some of our owners having renovated beyond what the developer offered, the average unit is probably a modest step below those in the Waterworks condo development.

We desperately need more long-term, stake-holder residents in Brighton. Creating high-quality condo developments is one way to do it. PLEASE MAKE THE ST. GABRIEL PARCEL A DEVELOPMENT THAT OFFERS HANDSOME, HIGH-QUALITY CONDO UNITS OF VARYING SIZES, FROM STUDIOS TO THREE BEDROOMS. Buyers are being turned away from Brighton owing to fierce competition over the limited number of high-quality condo units available.

Yours,  
Susan Heideman[REDACTED]  
Brighton



Michael Rooney &lt;michael.rooney@boston.gov&gt;

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**st. gabriel's development**

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Kevin Carragee [REDACTED]

Mon, Oct 10, 2016 at 3:03 PM

To: "Michael.Rooney@boston.gov" &lt;Michael.Rooney@boston.gov&gt;

Michael Rooney

Dear Mr. Rooney:

The email indicates my strong opposition of the current development proposal concerning the former St. Gabriel's property in Brighton. I have attended three major community meeting relating to this project and my perspective on the proposal is shaped by the interaction that occurred between the developer and community residents at these meetings.

The current proposal relating to the former St. Gabriel's property represents a significant lost opportunity. The St. Gabriel's property, given its size and attractiveness, provides the City of Boston with an outstanding opportunity to gain a significant number of owner-occupied housing units in a community, Allston-Brighton, that has a very low level of owner-occupied housing. The most significant problem confronting Allston-Brighton is its transient character, a character that directly threatens the development and preservation of a sense of community.

Sadly, the developer proposes a project that would only increase the transient character of the neighborhood, neglecting the potential of the St. Gabriel site. The current proposal, according to the developer, would largely attract graduate students to rental housing; these graduate students likely would not remain in Allston-Brighton for a lengthy period of time as residents. I also should note that I recognize the need to construct additional housing for graduate students in the City of Boston, but this housing should be primarily constructed on university campuses and/or at locations with superb public transportation. The St. Gabriel's site lacks these two significant characteristics.

At all the meetings I attended concerning this project, Allston-Brighton residents repeatedly called for the construction of owner-occupied housing at this location. **I am strongly in favor of the construction of condominiums at this location; these condos should be deed-restricted for owner-occupants.** In my view, the **majority of the units** should be owner-occupied condos, with some units reserved for rental housing.

This housing mix would help increase the number of owner-occupied units in Allston-Brighton, while also producing an attractive mix of housing at the St. Gabriel's location. This mix also would produce the needed, but elusive goal of constructing mixed-income housing in Boston.

The current controversy relating to the St. Gabriel's site needs to be placed within a broader context. Recent housing developments in Allston-Brighton and current proposals for housing development in the neighborhood have been overwhelmingly designed as rental housing. As such, these developments and proposed developments do nothing to increase the owner-occupancy rate in the neighborhood.

We need to seize the opportunity that the St. Gabriel's site represents. Sadly, the current proposal squanders that opportunity. We need to do better to safeguard the Allston-Brighton community.

Cordially,

Kevin M. Carragee

[REDACTED]  
Brighton, MA 03135  
[REDACTED]

10/11/2016

City of Boston Mail - St Gabriel's Development



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St Gabriel's Development

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David Rothberg [REDACTED]  
To: Michael.Rooney@boston.gov

Sun, Oct 9, 2016 at 8:58 PM

Dear Mr. Rooney:

As homeowners and invested, concerned citizens of Brighton, we strongly urge you to examine more closely the devastating long term impacts of yet another multi- hundred unit rental development project scheduled for the St. Gabriel's site.

Please instead consider the many ways in which owner occupied condominiums would benefit our community.

Thank you.  
David & Marilyn Rothberg  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



Michael Rooney &lt;michael.rooney@boston.gov&gt;

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**The Saint Gabriel development**

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Sun, Oct 9, 2016 at 5:42 PM

James Fitts [REDACTED]

To: michael.rooney@boston.gov

Cc: mark.ciommo@boston.gov, warren.oreilly@boston.gov, kevin.honan@mahouse.gov, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Rooney,

I have owned and lived in my condominium in Allston for 27 years, and I am writing to voice my concerns regarding the Saint Gabriel development project.

I have seen my neighborhood go downhill due to developments where the quality of life for the neighborhood was not correctly considered. In order for the Allston-Brighton area to continue to have an acceptable quality of life for the people who live here, the neighborhood's needs to be considered in total.

That means fewer new projects targeted to students and more projects targeted only to people who plan to own and live in the area. Traffic and parking have deteriorated drastically over the last few years due to developments that have added cars to the neighborhood without adding the correct amount of parking spaces.

I have read the information about the Saint Gabriel development and I believe it is yet another large-scale development that will have an adverse effect on people like me that have made a lifelong commitment to my neighborhood. We do not need another development primarily tailored to students. We need developments that are primarily focused on families that will make a commitment, like myself, to living in the neighborhood for a very, very long time.

Promises from developers in the past have meant very little and the results have been consistently negative.

Regards,

Jim Fitts  
[REDACTED]

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Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## Saint Gabriels development.

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Neal Klinman <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Oct 9, 2016 at 5:38 PM

To: Michael.Rooney@boston.gov

Cc: [REDACTED]

Are you folks out of your minds? I believe the community has spoken out against this kind of development. We are being railroaded by our elected officials, city agencies, and moneyed developers who are laughing at our zoning laws as well as the desires of those committed to creating a stable base in our community. This proposal should be blocked or altered. We should not have to fight so hard over and over again to advocate responsible stewardship of our lands and resources. Please work with us and for us to create more owner-occupied opportunities in our community by rejecting the dense development proposal for transient housing at the Saint Gabriel's site.  
Thank you.

-Neal Klinman

10/11/2016

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Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St. Gabriel's development

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Clamp, Christina [REDACTED]  
To: "Michael.Rooney@Boston.gov" <Michael.Rooney@boston.gov>

Sun, Oct 9, 2016 at 4:59 PM

I am writing to express my disapproval of the plan for development on the St. Gabriel's site. What Brighton needs is the development of family oriented and senior housing – not more student housing. Students do not have our commitment to the community and the city. Transients create an environment that is vulnerable to fostering higher crime. As a long term resident of the city and a home owner, I recognize that students are and have been a part of the residential pattern here. But the balance has shifted in a way that can lead to a deterioration of this area as an attractive neighborhood for both renters and homeowners. The city does not need more investor owned properties of this sort. We do need more housing that is affordable and attractive to families. Also as my husband and I are approaching retirement, we would like to remain in the neighborhood but may have to leave once we need senior housing. A development that incorporates serves both families and seniors would add value to this neighborhood. Also, given the location and open space on the St. Gabriel's site, preservation of the green space should be an important consideration in any development design.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina A. Clamp".

Christina A. Clamp

Professor, School of Arts and Sciences

Director, Center for Co-operatives & CED

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Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St. Gabriel's development

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bostonmimster [REDACTED]

Sun, Oct 9, 2016 at 10:40 AM

To: Michael.Rooney@boston.gov

Dear Mr. Rooney,

I'm writing to tell you how much I disagree with the proposal put forth to build housing that would attract transient residents instead of families and others who would like to call this neighborhood home. Allowing this development is to allow the building of a ghetto which would benefit investors and not home owners. It's time to promote home ownership in this area and stop proposing and building overcrowded rental boxes suitable for investment but not living. Let home owners become part of this neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Mimi Iantosca  
registered voter in Ward 21

10/11/2016

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Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St. Gabriels

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Redmond Walsh [REDACTED]  
To: Michael.Rooney@boston.gov

Sun, Oct 9, 2016 at 10:14 AM

St. Gabriels site is way to big for this area. We need owner occupied homes not more rentals.

Redmond C Walsh Jr

10/11/2016

City of Boston Mail - St. Gabriel's Development



Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St. Gabriel's Development

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nohara3@verizon.net [REDACTED]  
To: Michael.Rooney@boston.gov

Sun, Oct 9, 2016 at 9:52 AM

Dear Mr. Rooney,

We are happy that the St. Gabriel Church will be repurposed but we are still unhappy about the density and the lack of significant home ownership opportunities in this proposed development.

Our community is united in our hope that the beautiful and St. Gabriel's site be developed to provide stable, attractive, long-term, mixed-income homeownership — the kind of housing that is needed in A-B, but remains in such short supply.

Please do what is right for our home town of Brighton.

Sincerely,

Michael and Nancy O'Hara



Michael Rooney &lt;michael.rooney@boston.gov&gt;

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## Comments on the 159-201 Washington St-St Gabriel's Brighton development

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Leslie Bordonaro [REDACTED]  
To: "michael.rooney@boston.gov" <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

Fri, Oct 7, 2016 at 10:23 AM

Hi Michael,

I couldn't find a way to put my comments on the Boston Planning & Redevelopment site as noted on our handout for the 159-201 Washington St. Saint Gabriel's in Brighton. I called the office and was given your email. Please let me know if you have received this as this is the last day for comments. Thank you. Comments below.

Leslie Bordonaro  
[REDACTED]

Brighton, MA 02135

I have some major concerns with this housing project.

1. **TRAFFIC:** The traffic along Washington St is already pretty horrendous. I'm afraid that I won't be able to get anywhere when I leave my home after this project is built. We already have to build in 5-10 minutes just to cross Comm Ave, or get past St. Elizabeth in the other direction. The cars are often backed up all the way to Monastery from Comm. Ave, and going the other way, the light at Washington/Cambridge street is always backed up.

In addition, the entrance from the driveway is sure to be dangerous and problematical, but the last thing we need on this stretch is ANOTHER traffic light. We have to take special care every time we come out of Shannon on to Washington. Cars turning left from that driveway will endanger everyone, as it's on a curve and hard to see. I already experience that from crossing the street on foot when getting off the bus.

2. **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:** The idea that people will take public transit more than drive from this development is impossible to guarantee. But if 1000 new people are taking the B line at Washington street during rush hour there won't be space to breath on the train. I already had to start going to the stop before Washington to guarantee a seat because I have a long trip in. What's going to happen to us commuters when this development, and maybe two or three others, all funnel into the B train? It's already the worst line in the city. Less service, crowded trains, SLOW trips.

3. **OPEN SPACE:** It's admirable that the developers say they want to leave the landscape along Washington street alone. But I'm not entirely sure I can believe all they promised (see below). And it brings up the fact that Brighton is woefully short of open space and trees. There is not one street tree along the street I live on, Union. Even the one little park along it has recently been renovated -

which is nice, but we currently only have small trees, and no shade along Union there now because the mature pines were cut down. It was the only patch of shade along the street. I would much prefer this St. Gabriel's area be designated a permanent open space for quality of life issues for the whole neighborhood - for Brighton Ctr even. We have almost NO PARKS of any size in this part of town. We desperately NEED our tree lungs to keep this town liveable!

4. APARTMENTS vs CONDOMINIUMS: The idea of nearly 600 apartments being put up in this already apartment heavy/student and transient heavy area is really upsetting. Everyone in Brighton who tries to make a home here is already sick of being at the mercy of the student migration and living with young people who have NO idea how to treat neighbors and live as if they were in their own little bubble. Even counting apartments at 500 units, there would very likely be at least 4 people living there plus 4 guests visiting often. If you just count the people living there, that's 2000 more people.

5. TRUST: Finally I have to say I'm not sure I trust these developers. The main speaker from them acted like he had no idea of the value of condominiums. I find this highly unlikely, so I wonder what his deal is. Also, after touting the pedestrian walkway around the buildings they mentioned putting a road through that. Which is it?

# *The Parents and Community Build Group, Inc.*

*Working To Build and Strengthen the Community Through Fundraising, Events and Education  
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October 11, 2016

Re: 159 – 201 Washington Street – St. Gabriel's, Brighton

Michael Rooney, Project Assistant  
Boston Planning & Development Agency  
One City Hall Square  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Rooney,

This correspondence serves as public opposition to the proposed development plan for the St. Gabriel's Site located at 159 – 201 Washington Street in Brighton.

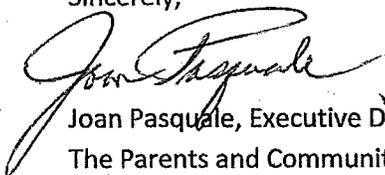
The Boston Planning and Development Agency should be committed to representing and respecting the desires of each Boston Neighborhood. The Allston-Brighton Community has repeatedly expressed a need for more Home Ownership Opportunities. Although 40 condo units are presently being proposed, the historic and scenic St. Gabriel's Site location presents a prime opportunity for a large Condo Complex versus 40 condo units in an oversized rental development complex.

The Allston-Brighton Community needs mixed-income home ownership opportunities.

The St. Gabriel's site would provide multiple Home Ownership opportunities if transformed into a large Condo Development. Please respect the desired needs of the Allston-Brighton Community by not approving the proposed Rental Development for the St. Gabriel's, Brighton site.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Joan Pasquale, Executive Director  
The Parents and Community Build Group, Inc.  
PCBGinc@Mail.com

10/14/2016

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Michael Rooney <michael.rooney@boston.gov>

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## St. Gabriel's Development Brighton

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Bruce Kline [REDACTED]  
To: Michael.Rooney@boston.gov

Thu, Oct 13, 2016 at 5:26 PM

Dear Mr. Rooney,

While it was encouraging to note some movement on the part of the developer to reduce some density and provide some opportunity for ownership, this should be considered to be a BABY step in the right direction. Traffic issues have yet to be addressed, the density is still excessive and the opportunity for ownership is minuscule. This project is on the right track but needs a lot more adjustment before it is acceptable.

Regards,

Bruce Kline

**159-201 Washington Street (St. Gabriel's Graduate Student Housing) via website form**

| Date      | First Name | Last Name | City     | State | Zip   | Organization        | Comments  |
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| 8/8/2016  | Monica     | mcAlpine  | Brighton | MA    | 02135 | Unbound visual Arts | <p>Dear Mr. Rooney,</p> <p>As a member of Unbound Visual Arts and a long-time resident and homeowner on Brooks Street in Brighton, I am writing to support the St. Gabriel's Project. A mixed residential/cultural development is a wonderful idea. In particular, a gallery will provide much needed support to local artists as well as an enriching resource for the project residents and the entire community. The preservation of public open space is most welcome.</p> <p>I urge the BRA to approve this project.</p> <p>Monica McAlpine</p>  |
| 9/19/2016 | Michael    | Dorgan    | Allston  | MA    | 02134 | Homeowner           | <p>I am opposed to this plan as it is currently defined. The scale is too large for the neighborhood. The approval must be subject to the resolution of the parking elimination for St. Elizabeths that this plan calls for. Looking at the overhead picture, I counted about 340 cars that are currently parked on the 11.6 acre space. These cars need a home that is not on the street. Post development, the available parking must be at least 1 space per unit for each unit developed. The plans call for heights of up to 7 stories, most structures in this area are 2 to 3, with the max being 5 stories. The mix of unit size discourages families from settling/staying and increases the car and transportation needs of the overall development. Should be fewer studios and 1 beds. Traffic study is too limited. 1 day and mixed with 2014 data and 2011 seasonal adjustments. Also, don't believe the assumptions on transportation and the mitigating actions are largely meaningless. Also, I don't think any assumptions were made for vistors to the residences which will be high gevine the target demographic. Lastly the proposal is 100% rental. This creates a transit population that is not invested in the community. It is in the interest of the community to makes these saleable units. Owners will drive the key decisons and the likely tax base will be signnificantly higher as individual owned units.</p> |

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| 9/22/2016 | Marisa | Angilletta | Brighton | MA | 02135 | <p>1-This project is just to massive, 769 unit is outrages!!!<br/> 2-This project will effect all the people who own two family's in the neighborhood, we won't be able to rer our own units. Look around and see how many "for rent signs are out" after Sept1 (that alone says a lot)<br/> 3-This project will effect Traffic first. Washington St in the morning &amp; afternoon is bummer to bummer ad another 400 + cars? Even if they add parking traffic now is unbearable.<br/> 4-This project is #1 out of #4. Just across from the shirne that is also going to be more apartments, plus the temple, plus land after Whole Foods all on Washington St. How many apartments do these developers need?<br/> 5- Who are we kidding ? They started with this is for Grad students ? There won't be enough students to fill these units therefore they will rent to whomever.<br/> 6- Crime will increase.<br/> 7- Your driving out us, the families that have lived here for 50+ years.<br/> 8- I appreciate everything they say about relocating the shrine but, it about land, the trees and all that surrounds this once beautiful property.</p> <p>To the Boston redevelopment authority what are u doing to our community &amp; neighborhood ? PLEASE THINK OF THE IMPACT IN JUST 5-10 years!!! This is a massive mistake.<br/> Thank you~</p> <p>On 9/22/16, 3:05 PM, "Development Review at the BRA" &lt;Michael.Rooney@Boston.gov&gt; wrote:</p> <p>Public Meetings hosted by BRA<br/> View this email in your browser</p> <p>159-201 Washington Street (St. Gabriel's)<br/> Impact Advisory Group Meeting<br/> Description: Second Meeting of the 159-201 Washington Street Impact Advisory Group ("IAG") to discuss the Proposed Project. Although the Public is welcome to attend IAG meetings and listen to the discussion, the public meeting on September 29, detailed below, is the more appropriate forum for the broader public to provide feedback about the project.<br/> [more]</p> <p>Time: 09/27/2016 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM<br/> Location: St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, 736 Cambridge Street, Brighton, MA 02135<br/> Public Meeting<br/> Description: On July 18, 2016 a Project Notification Form ("PNF") was submitted pursuant to Section 80B-5 of the Code by Cabot, Cabot &amp; Forbes to the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The PNF describes the construction of 680 units of housing for young professionals, families, graduate students and other university affiliates such as residents, faculty and staff. The PNF also describes the rehabilitation of St. Gabriel's Monastery and a Shrine to Our Lady Fatima. The public comment period fo the PNF ends on October 7, 2016.<br/> [more]</p> <p>Time: 09/29/2016 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM<br/> Location: Jackson/Mann Community Center, 500 Cambridge Street, Allston, MA 02134<br/> Michael Rooney<br/> Michael.Rooney@Boston.gov<br/> 617.918.4237</p> <p>Submit Your Comments<br/> Share<br/> Tweet<br/> Forward</p> <p>Copyright © 2016 Boston Redevelopment Authority, All rights reserved.<br/> You are receiving this email because you signed up in person or opted in on the BRA website.</p> <p>Our mailing address is:<br/> Boston Redevelopment Authority<br/> One City Hall Square Boston, MA 02201</p> |
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| 9/27/2016 | Liz | Breadon | BRIGHTON | MA | 02135 | <p>159-201 Washington Street, Brighton (St Gabriel's)<br/>Mr. Rooney,<br/>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development of the 159-201 Washington Street, Brighton.</p> <p>The Saint Gabriel's site is outstanding location on the edge of the commercial district in Brighton Center and it behooves us to take great care to ensure that it's development is beneficial to the commercial, cultural and social life of our community. The St Gabriel's location is an historic and beloved community space with architectural, spiritual and cultural significance to many in our community. It is also one of the few remaining areas of green space in an already densely developed neighborhood of Boston. We have a population of 74,997 people in an area of 4.4 square miles. (2010 Census)</p> <p>I have several areas of concern with regard to this project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Need for a comprehensive neighborhood planning process.<br/>Allston-Brighton as been subject to decades of piece-meal projects presented by institutions and developers without any consideration of the "big picture" and long term needs of the community. Without a comprehensive neighborhood plan we has seen an exponential increase in density without commensurate improvements in affordable housing, home ownership, public transit, traffic management safe cycle routes, emergency services, green space, and quality of life. An integrated planning process is essential to identify the problems and come up with creative solutions to all of these issues.</li> <li>2. We do not need a "dormitory village".<br/><br/>This proposed development of 679 units of housing " designed built and marketed to serve ... graduate students, young and other university affiliates, professionals, staff and faculty" does not reflect the needs of our community. Over the course of many years community activists and housing advocates have highlighted the need to increase owner occupancy, and preserve affordable housing for low and middle-income households. What is proposed for this wonderful location is a dormitory village this does not have any real connection or relationship with the surrounding neighborhood. It is targeted at a very narrow demographic and is not what we need in Allston Brighton.<br/>Looking at the 23 recently completed, in process or pending housing developments in the neighborhood the majority of the units were studios and one-bedrooms with a very small percentage of 3 bedroom unit and almost no disabled accessible units.</li> <li>3) A missed opportunity to do something significant!<br/>This proposal represents a missed opportunity to develop an innovative project that would enhance the neighborhood by creating a housing community that is multi-generational, economically diverse, and includes homeowners and renters.<br/>The demographic make up of the neighborhood is out of balance. Transient residents who are here for a few years are not invested here and tend not to be engaged in civic life. Many young people would like to put down roots here and stay but the lack of affordable housing options forces them to relocate to the suburbs; this is detrimental to the long-term stability of our community, and needs to be addressed.</li> <li>4) Owner Occupancy<br/>This project does not address the need to increase the levels of owner occupancy, which stands at 19% in Allston Brighton. There is a false perception that there is no demand for condominiums in Allston Brighton are wrong. In July 2016 Brighton, Allston, and Dorchester all tied for the fastest-selling neighborhood at 24 days. The average selling price was \$450,000. If they build it they will come.</li> </ol> <p>In summary, I urge the BRA to undertake a comprehensive neighborhood planning process. We need to increase home ownership; preserve green space; provide more affordable rental accommodation for middle-income families and people with disabilities. Sadly the current proposal falls far short of that.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>Liz Breadon<br/>Brighton MA 02135</p> |
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| 10/2/2016 | S        | H         | Brighton | MA | 02135 | As will all the structures being built and all the "plans" about what will happen - this will not free up existing rentals for families - this will bring MORE people to Brighton. With the project in Brighton Center and the existing over-population and traffic, the area will become even more congested. Green spaces are also dwindling and this will take away natural space. I grew up in Brighton and am disgusted at the takeover by students and universities.   |
| 10/3/2016 | Kathryn  | Markham   | Brighton | MA | 02135 | I am concerned about this project adding to the traffic woes already existing on Union Street. for many years Union Street was Resident Only parking 7 days a week/24 hours. Then the City for some reason changed it to Resident Parking 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. the problem is that after 6:00 p.m. and on weekends we have cars parking that the drivers (a) do not live in the area and/or (b) are carrying out state plates. This also applies to other surrounding streets such as Washington Street at Monastery Road; Shepard, Shannon and Snow Streets. Now you want to add housing, etc. and not allow for ample parking that won't interfere with the neighborhoods surrounding it. Why were the streets changed?  |
| 10/4/2016 | Samantha | Pajak     | Allston  | MA | 02134 | <p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I am writing to let the city know that I feel this project at St. Gabriel's has simply too many units. It was noted that only an additional 4 cars will be at each intersection during rush hours. I travel through this area and can say that an extra 4 cars at each intersection each hour may not seem like a lot but when everything is already grid-locked in the area especially on Comm and Washington there is no way that there won't be a perceived impact.</p> <p>There are over 600 units. At least half of those units will likely participate in rush hour. And with the nature of students will cause an overall impact on the area at all hours of the day and night. And that is only counting the cars the building has spots for. There is currently a strain on all street parking for at least 2 miles in ALL directions.</p> <p>In addition, given that the city has decreased the number of B line trains there will be stress added to an already stressed B line. This needs to be addressed as the cars are already packed two stops farther inbound. Where will these people fit on trains? The MBTA needs to add support to the B line if almost 700 units will be added as there will be at least 1400 people added to a small area if each is a 2 bedroom. Also keep in mind students like to pack into units which will increase numbers in this location even further.</p> <p>This area simply cannot handle a project of this size. I am all for land use however adding at least 1400 people to an already dense area is just unreasonable and will have a very negative impact on the neighborhood's. If this project is to be approved it should be significantly downsized.</p> <p>While I currently live on Brainerd Rd I used to rent on Random Rd. The traffic 4 years ago was awful and now it is worse. This project needs to be downsized significantly.</p> <p>Thanks,<br/>Samantha Pajak</p> |
| 10/4/2016 | Annette  | Pechenick | Brighton | MA | 02135 | There are still too many apts. and very few condos. The scale of the project needs to be reduced and should include at least two parking spots for each 2 bedroom apt/condo 3 parking spots for 3 bedroom apt/condo and 4 parking spots for each 4 bedroom apt/condo. The traffic to the neighborhood will be too much for the Washington Street exit. There should be an exit on the Warren side of the complex and the developer should include a shuttle from the complex to the medical area in Longwood as well as a shuttle to the downtown area and a shuttle to Kendall Square/Harvard Square. The project as it is currently puts tremendous strain on already overburdened Washington Street. Also there still needs to be more condos on the property perhaps like the Waterworks where there are fewer apartments but excellence in living area. (a good spot for this would be converting the St. Gabriel's church into exclusive condo ownership. The developer does not need to have excessive apartments for rent when there is such a need for family living and families that want to stay in the area. Please don't let this project get too ahead of itself and instead let it be a source of pride for families that want to live in the area. Also no buildings should be more than 3.5 stories so that the wonderful skyline view can be seen by all.   |

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| 10/7/2016 | Paula     | Dewar   | Brighton | MA | 02135 | Abutter                         | <p>RE: 159-201 Washington Street Project</p> <p>1. There are not enough parking spaces planned with the project. Currently there is no parking available on Washington Street in the evenings and overnight. With up to 555 units and only .7 parking spaces per unit (which may have numerous residents in one unit each having cars) the neighborhood can not accommodate the additional vehicles that will be looking for parking spaces.</p> <p>2. The access road that is currently used by St Elizabeth's is in the plans as a route both in and out of this project. It is a very dangerous exit trying to get onto Washington Street. The opposite St is Nanatasket Avenue which is a private way with no sidewalks. It is very dangerous for the residents of this street to come out of their houses and go to their cars with the increased traffic now with St Elizabeth's use it will only become increasingly dangerous with this road being used as an entry and exit way to the project. The residents of this new project will be going through the neighborhood streets to avoid the traffic lights at Monastery Rd and Cambridge St. Also, the increase in headlights and car noise on the houses that are surrounding the project road will affect the quality of life for the residents. One suggestion would be to have the project road be one way going into the project and have the exit point be on Monastery Rd with the signal light. I think this would be a better traffic flow pattern and help alleviate the concerns of congestion and safety with the surrounding residents. Also, this would have the least impact on the safe passageway of emergency vehicles going to the hospital and police station.</p> <p>3. At the meetings the accessibility to public transportation has been a key point of this project. As it stands today both the 57 and 65 buses are at capacity during the rush hours. I have heard the same about the green line. Has there been any discussion with the MBTA to increase the number of runs on each route to accommodate the increased ridership?</p> <p>Thank you and I look forward to future meetings about this project.</p> <p>Paula Dewar<br/>Brighton, MA. 02135</p> |
| 10/7/2016 | Paula     | Dewar   | Brighton | MA | 02132 | Abutter                         | <p>One additional comment I would like to make re: 159-201 Washington Street Project</p> <p>Is there a plan with the City of Boston regarding the rodent population that is currently residing in the house on 201 Washington Street and on the land that is going to be developed. There has been increased rat activity this past summer in the surrounding neighborhood. I would think that the developer should have a detailed plan to address the rat population that will be looking for new places to live once they begin demolition of garage and disturb the land on this project site.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Paula Dewar</p>  |
| 10/8/2016 | Mary Jane | Higgins | Brighton | MA | 02135 | Brighton resident,<br>Evans Rd. | <p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>Brighton/Allston is a dense community with a large number of rental units, most of which are inhabited by students and 20-somethings.</p> <p>Parking in my neighborhood, which borders Brookline (no overnight parking), is very difficult already and almost impossible when any kind of construction is under way.</p> <p>Our Brighton/Allston community would greatly benefit from the availability of more condominiums, including three-bedroom units that would attract permanent residents and families.</p> <p>Please make the St. Gabriel's development a condo development that includes at least one parking space per unit.</p> <p>Thank you.<br/>M. J. Higgins</p>   |

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| 10/9/2016 | Bob   | Pessek | Allston | MA | 02134 | Allston Civic Assoc.  | <p>The proposed housing at 159-201 Washington St., Brighton, fails for two important reasons: It is planned for the wrong residents and it is too big. Some 618 units (including 40 condos) are too many on that site. Just look at the illustration on this web site.</p> <p>Most of the housing will be rental; Allston-Brighton has a low percentage of owner-occupied housing and needs more. Thus, the project should be reduced to something less than 500 units total and at least 40% of them should be owner-occupied condos with deed restrictions to ensure compliance. In addition, two buildings at the edge of the site, overlooking Brighton High School, should be steel framed structures of ten or twelve stories. This would give them a smaller foot print while providing views for the residents. For inspiration, the developer should visit 1501 Commonwealth Ave. and the Waterworks.</p> <p>Attempting to place small, boxy, high turn-over rentals at this site is a disgrace and a failure of planning. As has been said many times at public meetings concerning this site, the developer has disrespected the site and the needs of the community with this proposal.</p> <p>On another, related matter: Some 15 or 20 years ago Cabot, Cabot and Forbes developed the former Casey and Hayes storage building at the intersection of the Mass. Pike and Everett St., it was a bust. The building still sits empty, now owned by Harvard University. Thus a suggestion: Cabot, Cabot and Forbes should work with Harvard University to develop graduate student housing in this large and unused building.</p> <p>As stated above, the St. Gabriel's site should be developed as a place where people can make a home and become a part of the Allston-Brighton community instead of a property that will join the September 11 churning of transient residents. Allston-Brighton already has more than enough of such housing.</p> <p>Thank you, Bob Pessek</p> |
| 10/9/2016 | Nancy | Grilk  | Allston | MA | 02134 | <p>This project is too big and needs to be deed restricted owner-occupied condominiums that prohibit "flipping" as is the case with the Waterworks development. Visit the Waterworks for the resident stability and the beautiful re-use of the buildings in addition to newly built if you need any convincing this is the best and most stabilizing option for housing.</p> <p>The St. Gabriel's site is a gem; it is one of the last, large undeveloped tracts of green space for development in Brighton. Do not squander it with short-term residential rentals. This development must be looked at with the whole neighborhood in mind. As with your agency's new name, planning is key, and with your motto, transparency is also important. Immediately, adjacent are 2 developments that will add, with these 680 units, 1,003 new units of housing, add nearby 5 Washington brings the total to 1,181, and add the additional two newly proposed Washington St. developments in Brighton Center (former Minihane's and McNamara's), brings the total to 1,251 NEW UNITS. All totaled, additional new parking for cars, 1,054. Additional street parking will be prohibitive. These developments need to have independent traffic studies (not hired by the developers). Traffic is backed up throughout the day. A study of all the MBTA transit modes in this area is critically needed. These transit modes are jammed with riders; adding more than 2,000 new riders without any additional service is unsustainable. These developments must not be looked at separately.</p> <p>As a community, we are relying on the BPDA to represent what is the best for the neighborhood.</p> <p>Thank you, Nancy Grilk</p> |  |

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| 10/9/2016  | Lauren | Kreisberg | Brighton | MA | 02135 | <p>I've been involved with this project since early this year, going to meetings at the Fatima Shrine. They've been more than gracious, offering at the beginning to rebuild the shrine. Wajeha was wonderful, keeping us up to date via email, and always open to phone calls.</p> <p>That being said, it of great concern to me that this projects seeks to build rental units in a section of the city that is already over dense with temporary housing. I know this opinion has been echoed by other community members. Also of concern, is the impact on traffic and public transportation.</p> <p>Again, repeating what other members of the community have asked, I implore the BPDA to look at development in Brighton as a whole, not per project. I'm aware this is a city, and growth is inevitable. I'm not claiming "not in my backyard!". I'm asking that you look to bring stability to this neighborhood by promoting and supporting projects that bring long term residents and families to the Brighton areas. This means condos, not rentals; houses not student dorms.</p>  |
| 10/10/2016 | Neal   | Shanske   | Brighton | MA | 02135 | <p>This project should not be allowed to proceed in anything resembling its current form. I live a block away from the proposed site on Union Street. The proposed project would include just 395 parking spots for 679 units, some with multiple bedrooms. This would make street parking in the neighborhood, already difficult, impossible, especially during snow emergencies. It would add congestion to Washington Street which is already often congested. These problems will be even worse if the other two large projects proposed for Washington Street within two blocks are built as well.</p> <p>The project site contains some of Brighton's last green space and this space should be preserved. As well, the proposed project would target transient residents who rent. Our neighborhood needs more owner-occupied housing for families. We have many friends who have left the area after being unable to find appropriate housing for their families in this neighborhood. We want long term residents who will establish deep roots in the area and build our community- not transients who have no vested interest in our neighborhood's future.</p> <p>This project would have a severely negative impact on the quality of life of neighborhood residents and should not be allowed to proceed. I have heard many of my neighbors speak against this project and none in favor. The BPDA should hear the voices of those impacted, act in the best interests of the neighborhood and clearly and firmly inform the developer that this project will not proceed in any form.</p> |

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| 10/11/2016 | Marisa | M | Brighton | MA | 02135 | <p>As a long-time resident of Brighton, I'd like to submit my comments regarding the development project planned for the St. Gabriel's Monastery site at 159-201 Washington Street. While I would strongly prefer that the site remain preserved without further development, I do realize that this is a done deal, and I would approve of the project if the BPDA ensures the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Preservation of all the existing structures: the shrine, the church, and the monastery building, which is registered as an historical landmark and as such the designation should be respected;</li> <li>•Preservation of the cemetery and other features related to the religious structures and site;</li> <li>•That green space and other landscape features are preserved and even expanded within the site;</li> <li>•That adequate off-street parking is provided for new residents to account for already limited street parking in the neighborhood;</li> <li>•That the development is designed, planned, and constructed with attention to minimizing its impact on traffic in the surrounding neighborhood, particularly Washington Street, which becomes extremely congested during rush hour with cut-through traffic, etc.; and</li> <li>•That the BPDA and/or zoning board places restrictions on the density and height of the proposed structures, and that the new buildings are designed to fit in as seamlessly as possible with the surrounding landscape and current architecture in the neighborhood (i.e., don't build an eye sore).</li> </ul> <p>One other note: it would be helpful for all residents throughout the entire city if, before projects such as this one continue to go forward, that something be done to (and I know this is a reach) FIX THE T! If the BPDA is going to allow new housing to be built to attract more people to already densely populated neighborhoods such as Brighton, assessments should first be made regarding the state of public transportation in the area and whether it can handle additional volume. Many branches of the T are at capacity and are outdated, antiquated, and inefficient. I'm referring specifically to all branches of the Green Line, particularly the B Line, which is just a few steps away from this proposed development and would be an even bigger benefit to the neighborhood than it currently is if it were modernized. This is a significant problem that needs to be addressed citywide. It affects people's quality of life and often turns many people away from living in the city, or certain parts of it.</p> <p>Boston has made some egregious mistakes in the past (e.g., during urban renewal), but given what we know today about the positive influence that green space can have on people's quality of life, the need for access to efficient public transportation to reduce pollution that contributes to climate change, and the benefits of preserving historical structures and spaces (which the city of Boston touts to generate revenue from tourism), projects such as this one provide an opportunity to learn from the mistakes of the past and do things the right way. This is a chance to improve the city with a balanced, well-thought-out, modern development that respects the architectural and other characteristics of the neighborhood in which it is being built rather than burdening it with one in which the planners haven't given much forethought to how the community will be affected and are primarily concerned with maximizing the profits that can be squeezed out of the few small parcels of land still available in an already congested area.</p> <p>Please, if this project goes forward, make sure that it is a benefit for the neighborhood rather than a detriment. Boston is a great city and has the potential to be even better. I have lived in the city my entire life and I have seen many of its neighborhoods grow and improve in the past couple of decades. In addition to its history, architecture, and educational and medical institutions, one of its best (and often overlooked) features is that it is already a very green city, with not only many public parks but areas of green space integrated throughout its neighborhoods—a benefit for its residents as well as the environment. Please don't squander this opportunity by being shortsighted. Don't turn the city into an urban nightmare. Not just with this project in Brighton, but others that may and will arise in other neighborhoods. Make Boston the world-class city of the future it aspires to be, a place that all of its residents can be happy and proud to call home. Thank you.</p> <p>Respectfully,<br/>Marisa M.</p> |
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| 10/13/2016 | Ann      | dePierro   | Brighton | MA | 02135 | <p>The proposed development at St Gabriel's is too large for the area and will not provide the type of stable long term ownership that is needed in Brighton. It is also adjacent to two other proposed developments on Washington Street that will overwhelm the infrastructure of the neighborhood. The former BRA should live up to its new name and perform a comprehensive planning study of this area of Brighton and all proposed development before it approves any new development. Traffic in Brighton Center and along Washington is horrendous and will be exacerbated by this overdevelopment. The proposed housing will also hurt many owner occupants who rent units in their multi family dwellings to graduate students. I urge the BRA to listen to the neighborhood and require further study and paring down of this project.</p>                               |
| 10/13/2016 | Mike     | Panichas   | Brighton | MA | 02135 | <p>These projects will only add to an already critical problem of street parking in the neighborhood. If these projects proceeds, I would suggest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase the number of parking spaces provided on site, so that all tenants/owners of these new developments have sufficient parking for at least two cars, plus additional spaces for their guests.</li> <li>2. Tenants at these new sites SHOULD NOT be allowed to obtain Allston/Brighton resident parking permits. For current residents of the neighborhood, there are insufficient parking spaces on the streets as it is now!</li> </ol> <p>The Washington Street neighborhood is already burdened with traffic and parking problems. These building projects will only bring the situation from difficult to impossible. Find a solution that will avoid this outcome.</p> |
| 10/14/2016 | Nunziato | Antonellis | Keene    | NH | 03431 | <p>Grew up in Brighton and went to Saint Gabriel's school. The church is beautiful and historically significant to the area. It should not be demolished. Less development of that property is best for the integrity of the neighborhood. Have some free space for the people who live there.</p>  |

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| 10/14/2016 | Joanne | D'Alcomo | Brighton | MA | 02135 | Ms. | <p>I am writing with a brief comment even though, as a practical matter, the proposal on file is no longer the operative proposal and there is no substitute proposal on file.<br/>In general, however, my comments are as follows:</p> <p>I am a longtime owner of a single family home in Brighton, and I am a working professional. I am interested in the quality of life in Brighton and in developing an economically and socially diverse community. We have, however, been steadily heading in the direction of creating -- either by investors buying single-family or multi-family homes and doing conversions, or by building new units -- a community that is primarily transient, and made up of the demographics of renters who are either students or in their 20s. This skewed demographic and composition -- both in terms of age and simply housing for a transient population that is primarily "passing through" with rentals -- is not economically or socially health for our community.</p> <p>In Brighton, we need to encourage longer term residency, and home ownership -- with condominiums with deed restrictions that require owner-occupancy or high levels of owner-occupancy. The St. Gabriel's proposal doesn't do that.</p> <p>The proposal on file, and the current proposal, cannot be built as a matter of right. There are all sorts of restrictions on that side -- both in terms of it containing a conservation district, and also numerous zoning variances that would be required.</p> <p>The City should NOT allow lifting of the conservation restrictions and should not allow the variances for that site EXCEPT for a proposal that provides at least 50% home ownership potential -- particularly in the upper middle class to high income level. We need that type of development to re-vitalize Brighton center, which has many vacant storefronts, and to stimulate neighborhood businesses.</p> <p>The St. Gabriel's site is one of the premier undeveloped locations in Brighton because of its greenery, its stunning views of the downtown and its proximity to many major locations. The city should not "blow" this opportunity for a major homeownership location by simply woodenly supporting variances and the lifting of conservation district restrictions.</p> <p>We in Brighton are entitled to count on the city to enforce zoning restrictions and conservation restrictions unless and until the developer comes up with a proposal that is worthy -- from a public policy perspective -- of altering or waiving them.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> |
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