Gentlemen:

On July 27, 2015, this project was first presented to the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA). At the completion of that meeting, the developer was requested to scale down the density of the project before coming to the GSCA for a second presentation and a vote to complete the community process. There was no immediate response or comment by the developer at that time. There was also no indication that the request would be considered.

On January 21, 2016, the BRA held a community meeting for this project. The plans presented for this project by the developer were basically the same as presented to the GSCA in July, 2015. The questions asked to the developer by the attendees at this meeting, and the answers given by the developer, were basically the same as were asked and answered at the GSCA meeting in July, 2015. It was quite apparent the developer was not interested in making any significant changes suggested by the abutters or meeting attendees to try to make the project more acceptable and less intrusive to the neighborhood concerns.

On February 8, 2016, the developer sent an email requesting to be placed on the GSCA February monthly meeting agenda to make a presentation and have a vote on the project. This was a requirement to complete the community process.

The developer request stated, “The project is substantially the same as what was previously presented.” This was understood to mean the project plans and presentation would not be significantly different from what was presented to the GSCA at the first presentation on July 27, 2015, or to attendees at the BRA meeting on January 21, 2016, and were deemed unacceptable to the members present at both meetings.

In conclusion, the Executive Board of the Gove Street Citizens Association has determined that this project, as presently configured, is extremely dense and an intrusion on the immediate abutters, as well as mot being representative of the type of characteristic architecture that presently exists in this neighborhood, and should be rejected by the BRA Board as a non-acceptable project.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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