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Gregory J. Galer, Ph.D.

Mr. Phil Cohen
Boston Redevelopment Authority
One City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201
Via Email: phil.cohen@boston.gov

RE: 202 Maverick Street, East Boston

Dear Mr. Cohen,

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, 83 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 Alliance is eager to express support for the proposed development at 202 Maverick Street in East Boston. Unlike much of the development we see in the neighborhoods, the scale and design of this new construction is appropriate for the context of the neighborhood and the loss of the buildings for this new project will not negatively impact the character of the neighborhood. The proposal incorporates architectural detail that contributes to the character of the streetscape and steers away from the metal panels that we see homogenizing the much construction throughout the city. We applaud the proponent for their efforts to dialogue with the neighbors and abutters, namely the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association, and modify the proposal to meet the needs of the neighborhood.

We encourage the proponent to maintain this constructive dialogue throughout the remainder of the process to continue to address any concerns that may arise. The Alliance would be pleased to assist at any time.

Thank you,



Greg Galer
Executive Director