



March 14, 2017

Mr. Brian Golden Director Boston Planning and Development Agency One City Hall Square (9<sup>th</sup> Floor) Boston, MA 02201

RE: 5205 Washington Street, West Roxbury, MA Application for "Small Project Review"

Small Project Review Application under Article 80E of the Boston Zoning Code

Dear Director Golden:

On behalf of Hub Development, LLC, I am pleased to submit this letter as Notice of our Small Project Review Application submission under Article 80E of the Boston Zoning Code, in connection with the proposed development at 5205 Washington Street in the West Roxbury section of Boston.

The proposed project site consists of an approximately 12,061 square foot lot that sits on the east side of Washington Street at the intersection of Washington Street and Grove Street in West Roxbury. Presently, the parcel has a one-story building housing an automotive use, specifically Lee Myles Transmissions, along with an adjacent parking lot that occupies approximately 35% of the total Project Site area. The redevelopment of this lot will add energy and vitality to the Washington and Grove Street intersection with a brand new building housing 17 new residential apartments.

The proposed development project is a four-story building comprised of 17 residential units on floors two through four, with parking and storage on level one. The development will provide 26 on-site parking spots, which will be contained in the interior of the structure.

The development team will be led by Antonio Ferrara, Owner of Hub Development, LLC. Mr. Ferrara will lead a team of professional architects, engineers, contractors, and consultants with years of experience in the development of residential projects.

We intend to pursue the Article 80E Small Project Review Process for this project. We look forward to continuing our strong working relationship with the BPDA, the community, and the elected officials as we move towards final approval of this project.

Very truly yours,

John A. Pulgini

CC: City Councilor Matt O'Malley

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Michael Cannizzo, BPDA

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#### i. Proposed Project Overview

Project Name: 5205 Washington Street

Address: 5205 Washington Street, West Roxbury, 02132

Project Description: Demolition of the existing one (1) story

commercial building followed by the

construction of seventeen (17) units of housing with parking onsite for twenty-six (26) vehicles

and (12) enclosed bicycle parking spaces.

Lot / Site Area: 12,061 square feet

No. of Dwelling Units: 17 Units (9 one bedroom + 8 two bedroom)

Floor Area, Gross

Ground Floor: 660 square feet (excludes parking)

Floor Two: 7,338 square feet

Floor Three: 7,338 square feet

Floor Four: 7,338 square feet

FAR Square Footage: 22,674 square feet, Gross

Floor Area Ratio: 1.88

**Unit Configurations** 

One Bedroom: 9

Two Bedrooms: 8

Height: 34'-6"

Stories: 4

Parking Spaces: 26

Zoning District: Article 56, West Roxbury - Neighborhood

Shopping ("NS")

Variances: Preliminary analysis indicates the Proposed

Project requires no zoning relief from the Code.

#### ii. Proposed Project

The site located at 5205 Washington Street, on one (1) parcel of land, parcel ID# 2011564010 totaling approximately 12,061 square feet (the "Project Site"). The Project Site sits on the east side of Washington Street at the intersection on Washington Street and Grove Street in West Roxbury. Currently the site is a one (1) story building housing an automotive use, specifically Lee Myles Transmissions along with an adjacent surface parking that occupies approximately 35% of the total Project Site area. The Project Site is completely impervious, containing no open space and is dedicated to an automotive use and detracting from an active street wall along Washington Street and Grove Street retail node.

The proposed development calls for razing the current structure, removing the asphalt parking lot and creating a new, attractive and energy efficient building that will enliven and visually enhance what is the primary gateway corridor to Boston. The revitalization of the Project Site consists of a four-story residential building, containing seventeen (17) dwelling units and twenty-six (26) parking spaces. The seventeen (17) units will consist of nine (9) one bedroom units and eight (8) two bedroom units. All of the thirty (30) parking spaces are located internally to the building, at grade, concealed behind an active street wall of retail/office space and access via the existing curb-cut on Washington Street. Access and egress to the internal vehicle and bicycle parking spaces will be from Washington Street at the existing curb-cut, (collectively, the "Proposed Project").

The Proponent of the Proposed Project is HUB Development, LLC. The HUB Development team is led by Antonio Ferrara, a lifelong resident of Boston. In fact, Mr. Ferrara lives in West Roxbury, approximately one half mile from the proposed development. For more than a decade, Mr. Ferrara has been developing and redeveloping housing all across Boston. In that time, he has a developed a reputation as a quality and responsible builder, who uses the finest architecture, most talented

craftsman, and the highest quality building products, to ensure that his work enhances the surrounding neighborhoods.

#### iii. The Neighborhood and Project Location

The Proposed Project is located on Washington Street at the eastern corner of the intersection of Washington Street and Grove Street in the West Roxbury Neighborhood of Boston. The Proposed Project is located at the southern end of the Washington Street as you approach the Dedham town line boarder and within walking distance of the retail nodes along Washington Street.

The Proposed Project is well served by public transportation using the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA") system. Three (3) major bus connections allow for easy access to Forest Hills: (i) the MBTA 35 Bus, (ii) the MBTA 40 Bus and (iii) the MBTA 34 Bus all providing connections to either the MBTA Orange Line via Forest Hills, Commuter Rail Stations at, West Roxbury, Belgrade or Highland and MBTA Green Line Connections along the D-Branch and E-Branch systems.

#### iv. Development Context

The Proposed Project will contain seventeen (17) residential units of housing, consisting of nine (9) one bedroom units and eight (8) two bedroom units. The one bedroom units (three (3) per floor except for the fourth floor which only has one unit) average approximately 938 square feet of Floor Area, Gross, and the two bedroom units (three (3) per floor except for the fourth which has four units) average approximately 1,246 square feet of Floor Area, Gross.

Per Map 11A-11E West Roxbury Neighborhood District, the Proposed Project is located within the Neighborhood Shopping Subdistrict "NS" and in-directly abuts due to significant grade changes, the One-Family Residential Subdistrict "1F-6000". Based on the attached schematic designs, the Proposed Project does not appear to require zoning relief from the City of Boston's Zoning Board of Appeals.

#### v. Urban Design Context

The project has been designed to be consistent with the intent of the Neighborhood Shopping District. The 17 residential units will provide added vitality to a neighborhood of small shops and restaurants. The parking is located on site with the

majority of the spaces under the proposed building. The project site will be developed with appropriate design and site improvements to provide proper public safety and functionality. The building has been designed responding to a more commercial level of detail versus a residential "gabled" structure. We designed the building to fit within the context of the neighboring shops.

#### vi. Proposed Project Benefits

- a. New Housing Units removing what was a non-conforming automobile use. These units will be very attractive to those seeking the diverse neighborhood within the urban context of Boston. Additional housing is a priority in the city and the Proponent seeks to modestly fill this need with a project that builds upon the other small projects that have begun re-shaping this small retail node of Washington Street.
- b. Site Enrichment the Proposed Project will transform the current 9:00 to 5:00 automotive use into an eighteen hour residential use, enlivening the retail uses all along Washington Street and adding to the overall fabric of the district.
- c. Enlivened Edge the Proposed Project will enliven the corner of Grove Street and Washington Street with a new edge of attractive architecture, active retail/office space
- d. Job Creation & Taxes the Proposed Project will be a job creator both during and after construction. In addition to jobs, the Proposed Project will be increasing the city's tax base with the inclusion of seventeen (17) units of housing and retail/office space.

#### vii. Zoning Analysis

5205 Washington Street

New Construction – 17 Residential Dwelling Units – 26 Parking Spaces

Zoning District: Neighborhood Shopping Subdistrict "NS"

Lot Area: 12,061

|     | Defined Term                      | Required By   | Existing     | Proposed        |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
|     |                                   | Code          | Condition    | Project         |
| 1.  | Minimum Lot Size                  | None          | 12,061sf     | 12,061sf        |
| 2.  | Minimum Lot Area for              | N/A           | N/A          | N/A             |
|     | Additional Dwelling Unit          |               |              | ,               |
| 3.  | Minimum Lot Width (feet)          | None          | N/A          | N/A             |
| 4.  | Maximum Floor Area Ratio<br>(FAR) | 2.0           | 0.65 approx. | 1.88            |
| 5.  | Maximum Building Height           | 35 feet       | 14' approx.  | 34'-6"          |
| 6.  | Minimum Open Space Per            | 50sf          | N/A          | 850sf           |
|     | Dwelling Unit                     |               |              |                 |
| 7.  | Minimum Front Yard                | None          | None         | None            |
| 8.  | Minimum Side Yard                 | None          | N/A          | N/A             |
| 9.  | Minimum Rear Yard                 | 40 feet       | N/A          | 40 Feet         |
| 10. | Minimum Off-Street Parking        | 1.5 per       | N/A          | 26 spaces (1.53 |
|     |                                   | dwelling Unit |              | parking ratio)  |
|     |                                   | 2.0 office /  |              |                 |
|     |                                   | retail use    |              |                 |
| 11. | Use                               | NS            | LI           | MFR             |

Floor Area Calculation

22,674/12,061 = 1.88

Off Street Parking Calculations

1.53 per dwelling unit x 17 units = 26 parking spaces

#### viii. Project Team

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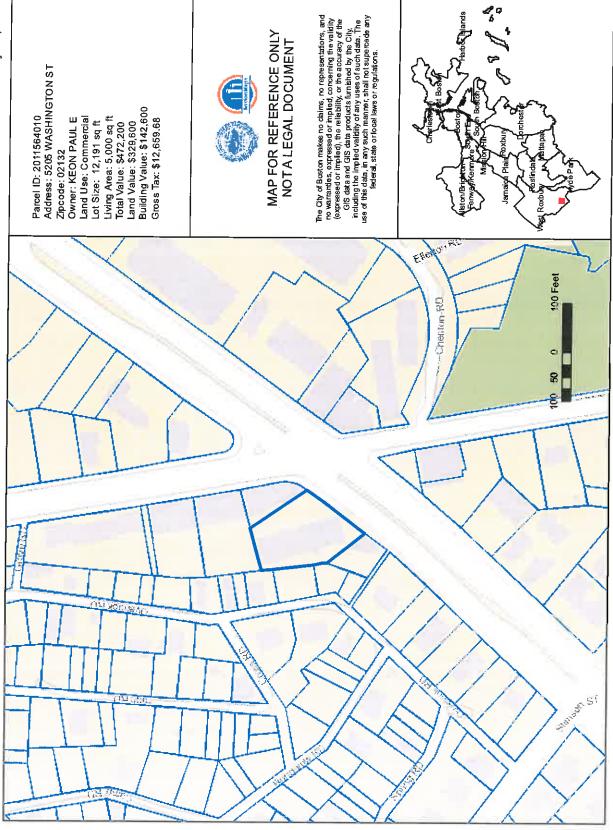
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## Exhibit A

## BRA Zoning Map

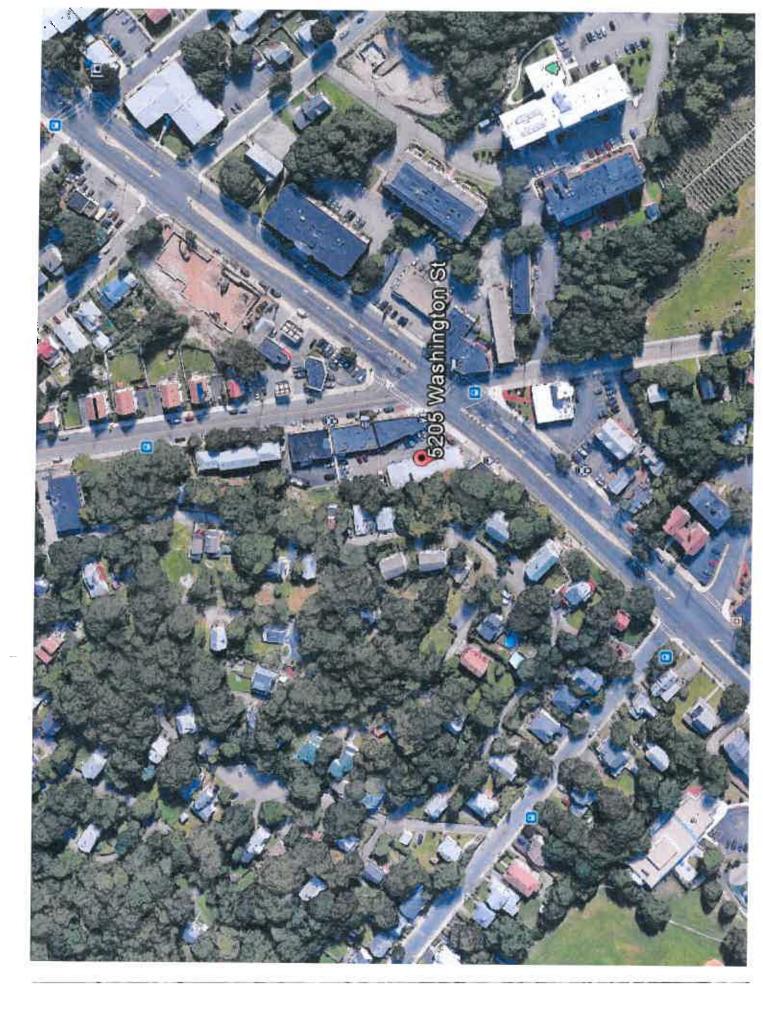
## 5205 Washington Street



## Exhibit B

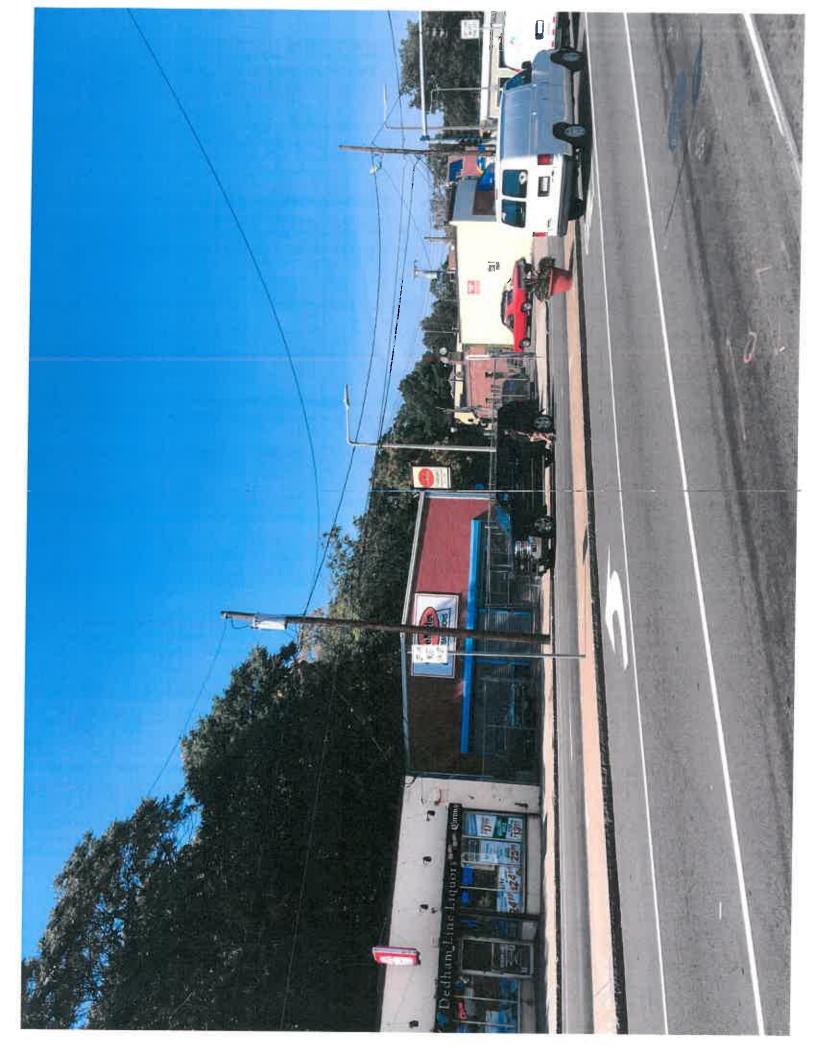
### Aerial Perspective

## The Project Site



## Exhibit C

#### Street Views



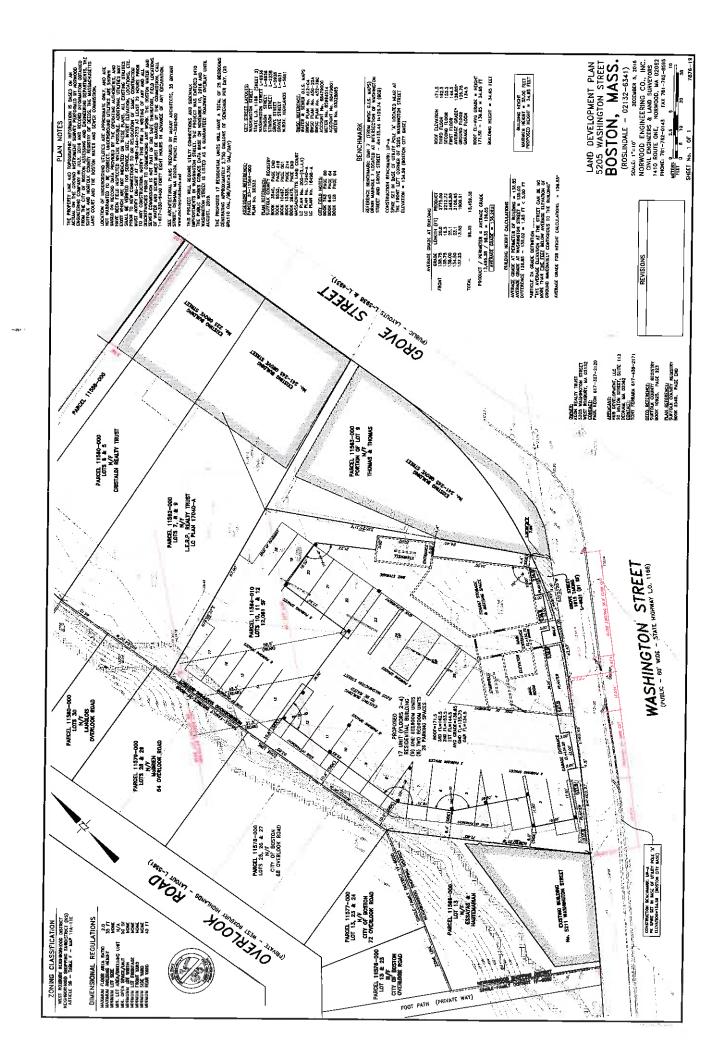


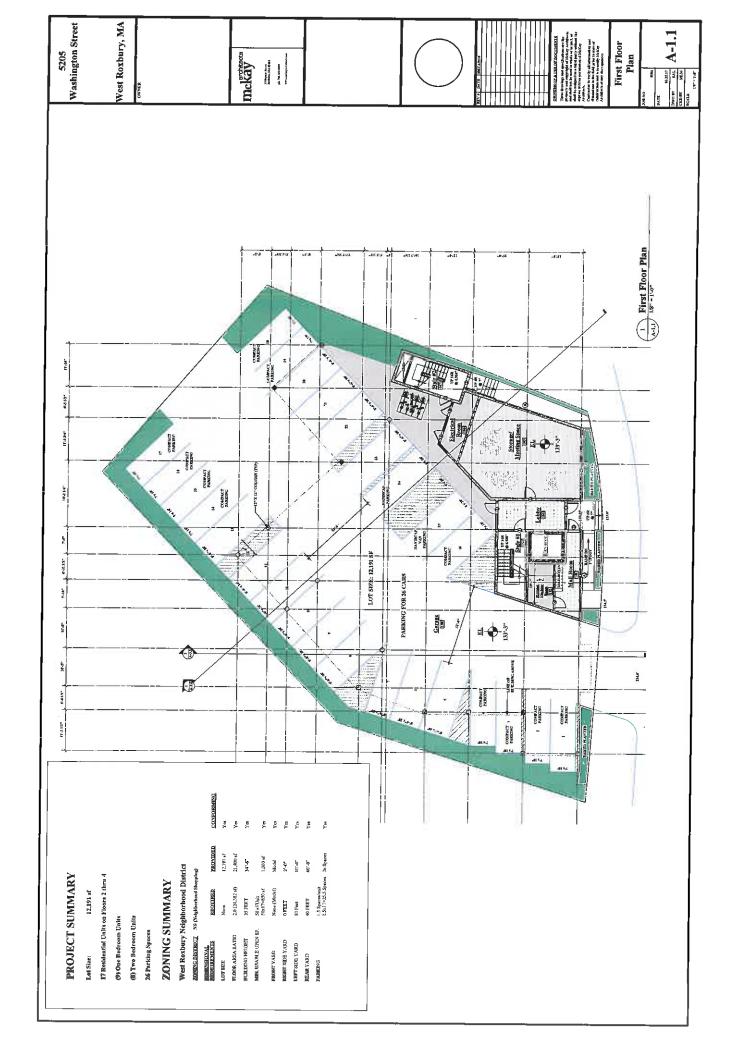


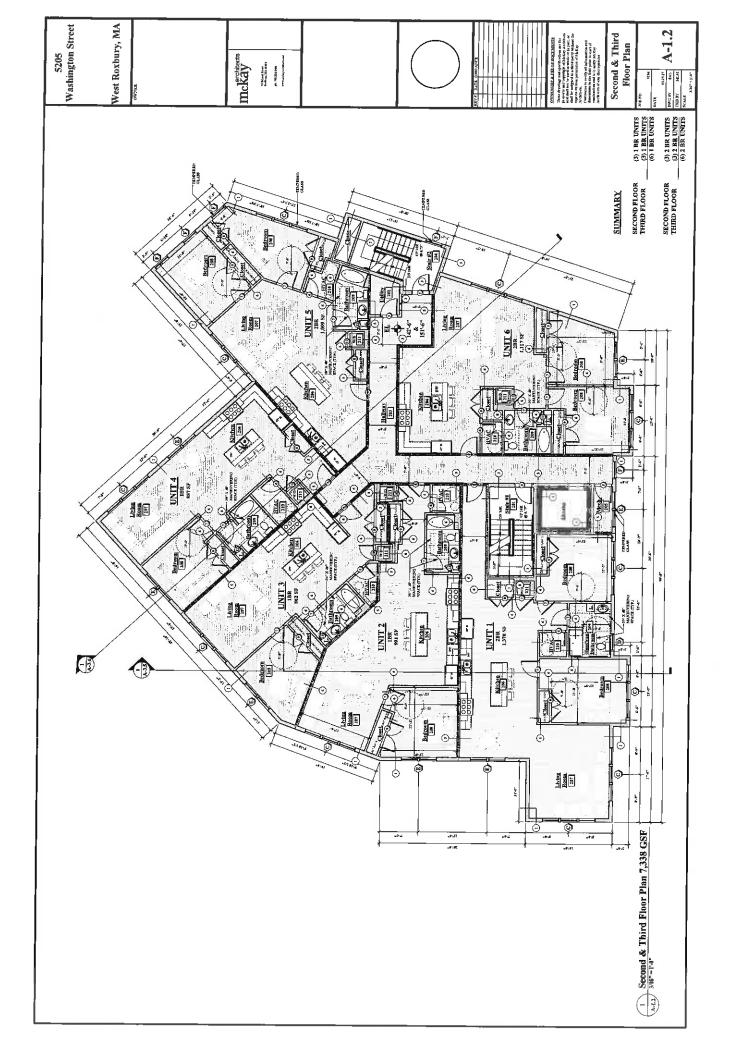
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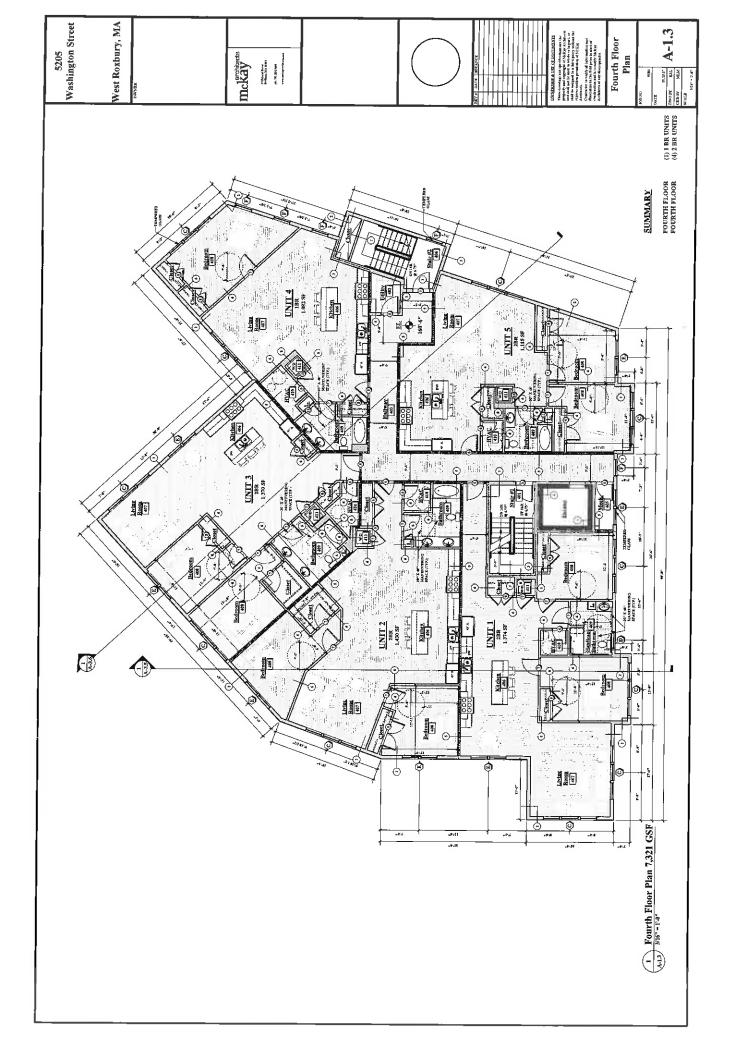
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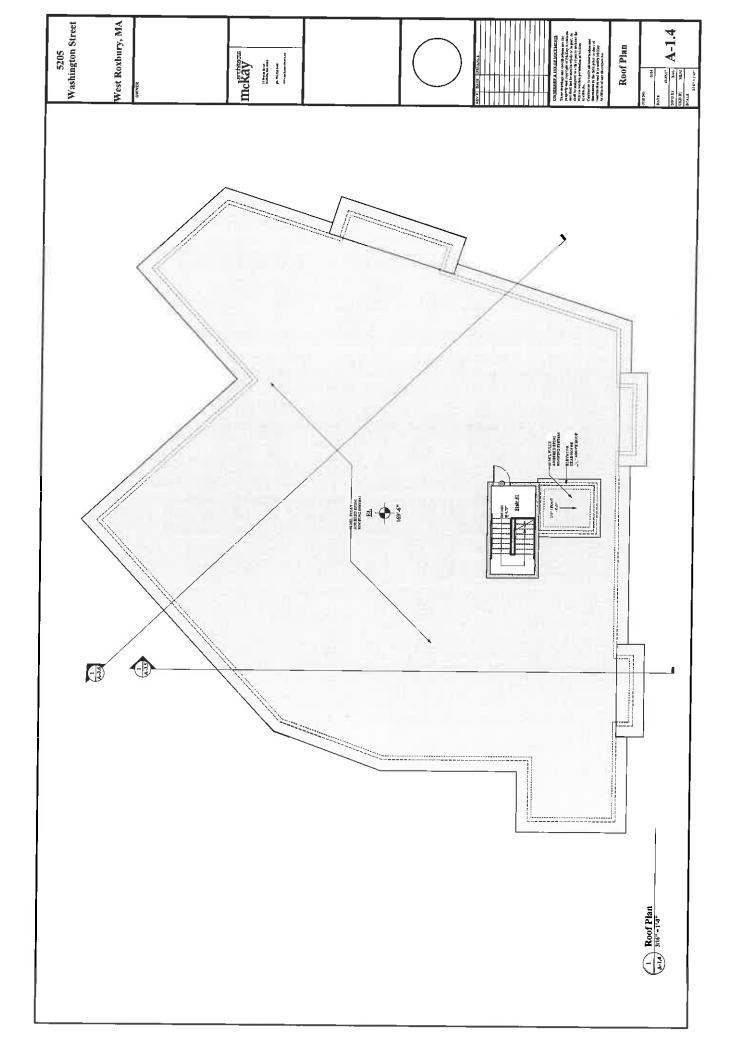
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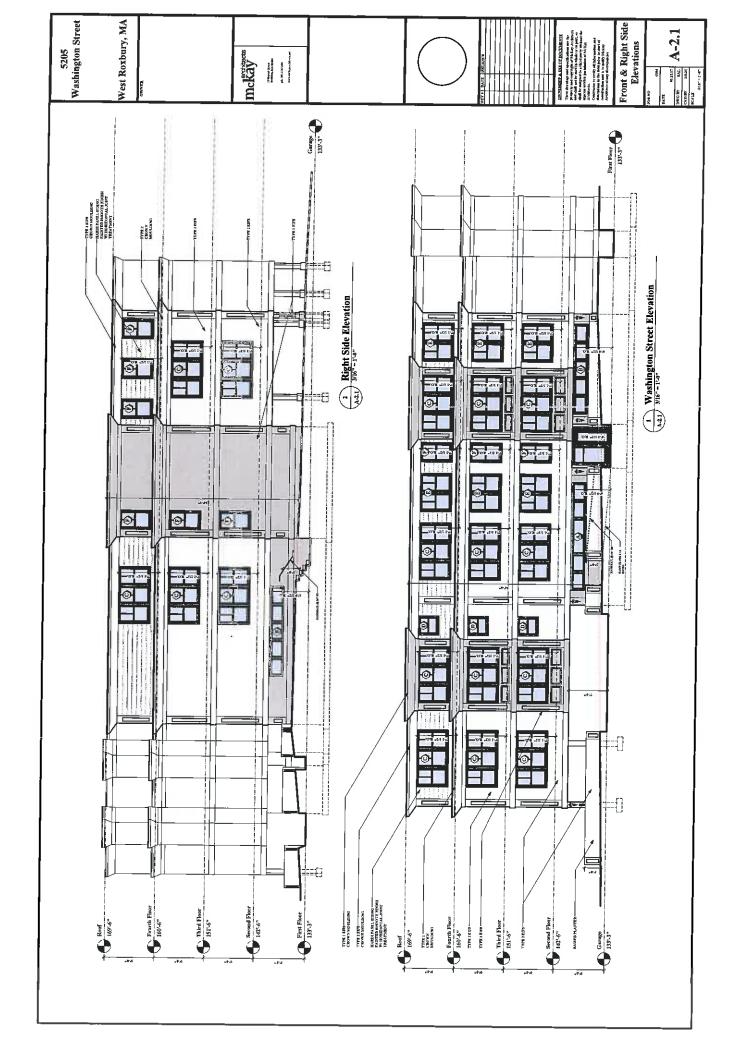


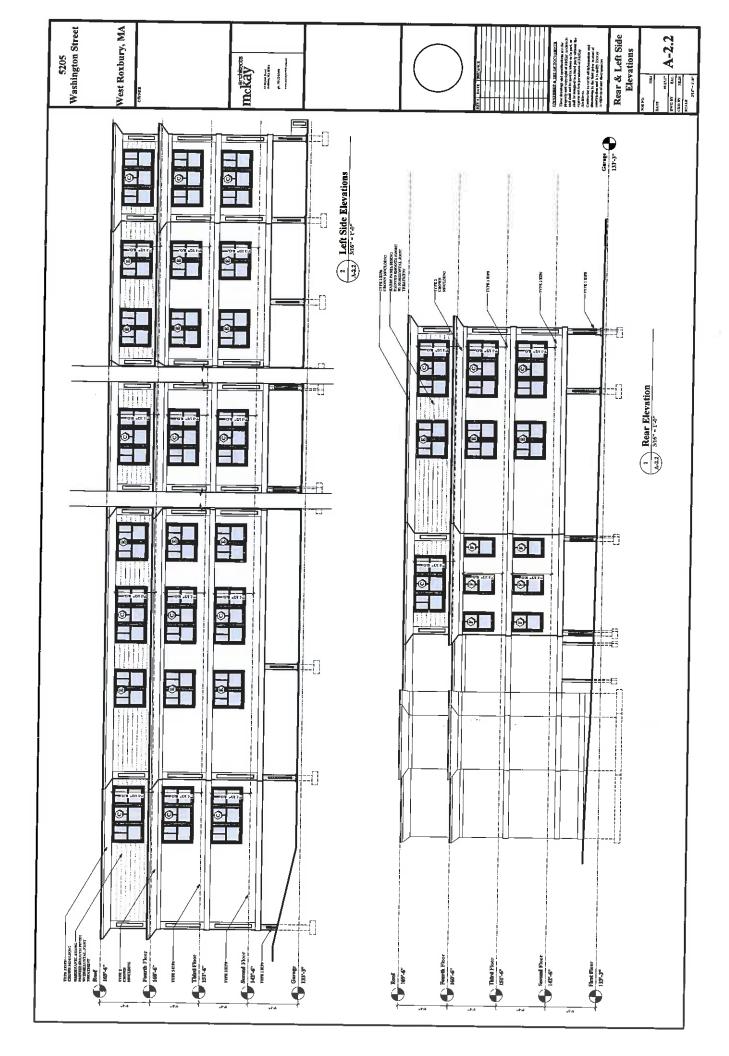


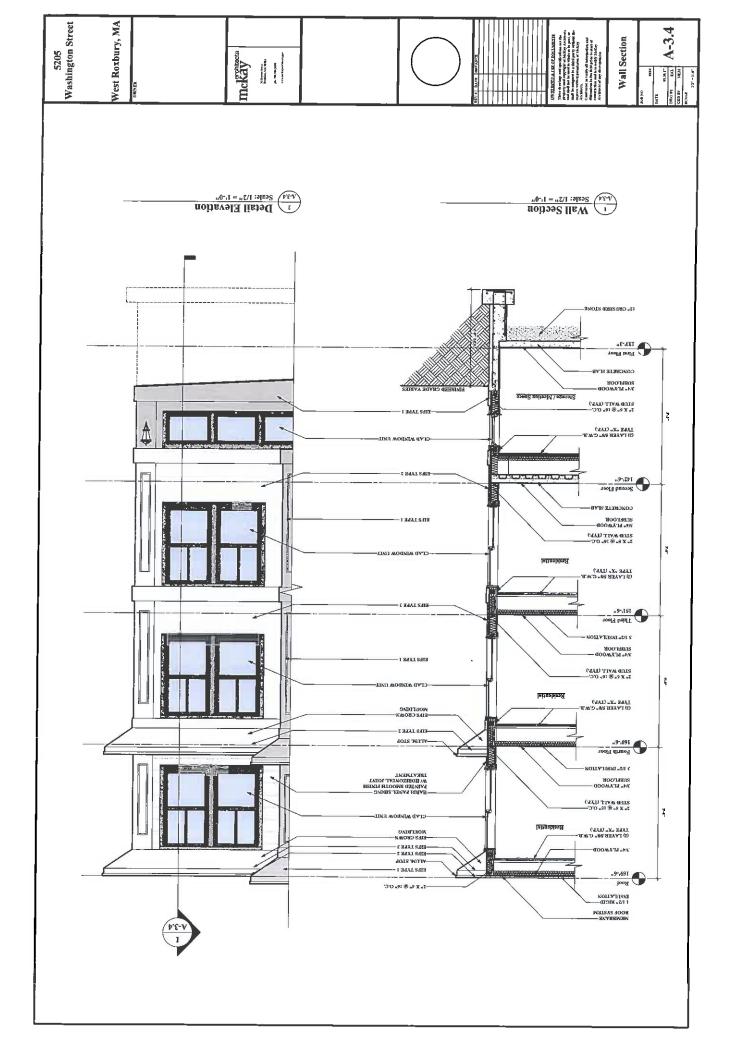


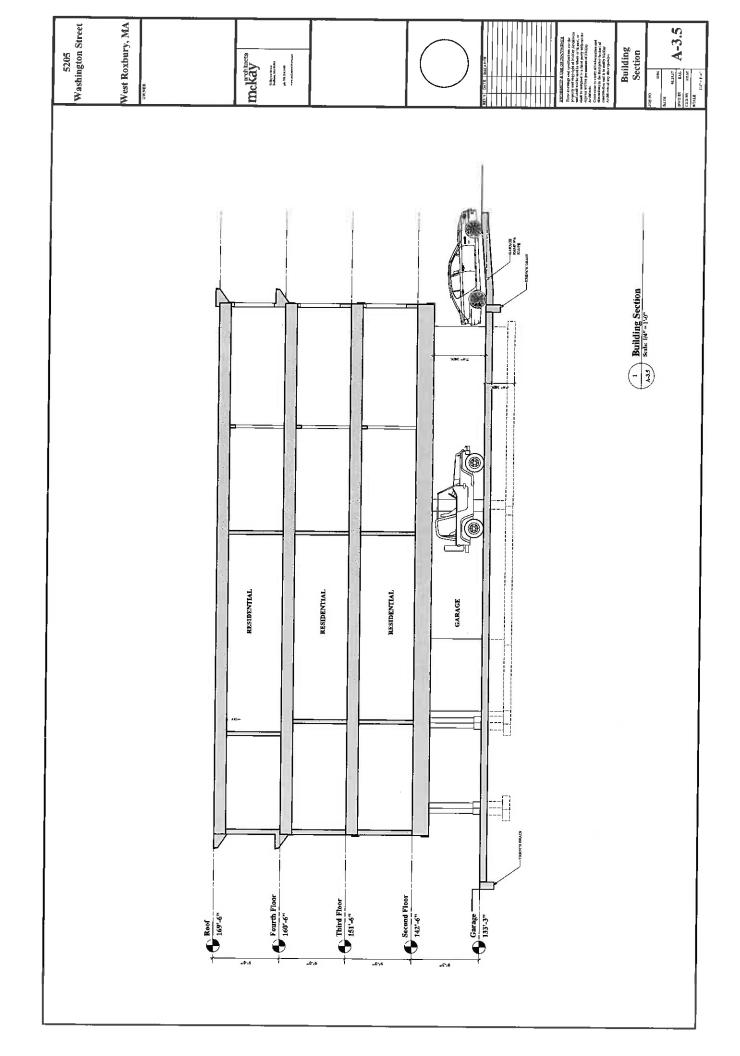


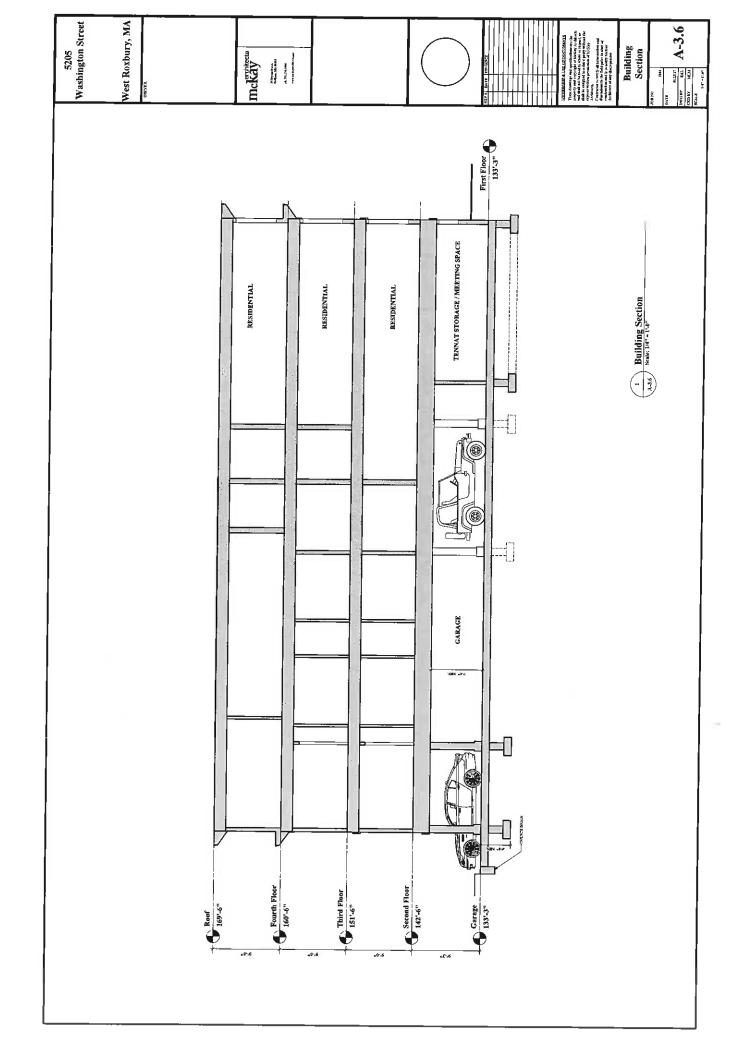












#### EXHIBIT E

## Boston ISD Determination Letter

December 2016



# Boston Inspectional Services Department

Planning and Zoning Division

1010 Massachusetts Avenue Boston, MA 02118 Telephone: (617) 635-5300

Gary P. Moccia Inspector of Buildings

Mayor

December 15, 2016

RE: 5205 Washington St

WARD: 20

REF, APPLICATION NO.: ERT657914

PLAN REVIEWER. Kevin Yetman

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The following information is needed to enable the review process to be completed on the above application for permit. Please mail or drop off all requested information to 1010 Massachusetts Ave., 5th Floor, Counter 2, between 8AM and 4PM. Providing all requested information will expidite the review process. Always refer to your application number when discussing this permit application.

| 1.              | Ø | Two sets of plans to scale showing all architectural, structural, electrical, mechanical and fire protection work are required.   |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 2,              |   | Two set of floor plans to scale are required,   |
| <sup>1</sup> 3. | Ø | The following approvals are required from: ☐ Landmarks, ☐ Parks & Recreation, ☐ Public Works, ☐ Lodging House Removal Permit (Rental Housing Resource) ☐ Boston Water & Sewer, ☐ Health Department, ☐ Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, ☐ Community Sanitation, ☐ Demo List.   |
| 4               |   | Before your permit can be issued:   A licensed Builder's information & signature are required (must be in person),  A 1&2 family homeowner's affidavit is required (available at 1010 Mass. Ave.).  |
| 5               | Ø | Two sets of plans showing all fire protection work are required, stamped & signed by a Massachusetts registered installer or engineer. Include. ☑ sprinkler plans including piping, ☑ hydraulic calculations, ☑ hydrant flow test less than 1 year old, ☑ sprinkler system narrative per 7890 CMR 901, ☐ fire alarm plans per 780 CMR 907 & 908.    |
| 6.              |   | Provide building elevation showing street frontage, existing signage, proposed signage, sign dimensions and location of sign on building facade.  |
| 7               |   | Two copies of your plot plan/mortgage survey plan are required, certified by a Massachusetts Registered Land Surveyor.  Please indicate   |
| <b>8</b> .      | Ø | Design review is required by the Boston Redevelopment Authority due to:  □ Board of Appeal provisio, □ Requirements of underlying zoning district, □ Small/Large Project Review (Article 80). □ Please pick up your plans at the Inspectional Services Department 1010 Mass. Ave. □ Please call the BRA at 617-722-4300 to schedule an appointment. |
| 9.              |   | Please call to set up an appointment to discuss your application.   |
| 10              |   | Your permit has been approved. Please provide your application number at Plans Examination, Counter 2 between 8am - 4pm when you arrive.  |
| 11.             | Ø | Additional Comments. The revised drawings answered the zoning questions I had. Design review and 2 sets of construction documents are required for a building code review. Call if you have any questions   |