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BY HAND DELIVERY

Brian Golden
Director
Boston Redevelopment Authority
One City Hall Plaza
Boston, Massachusetts 02201

Re: Redevelopment of 73-79 Essex Street in Boston, MA

Dear Director Golden:

We represent ESXMA 72GL OWNER, LLC (the "Proponent"), which is the owner of 73-79 Essex Street in the Chinatown District of Downtown Boston (the "Site"). Pursuant to the Executive Order Relative to the Provision of Mitigation by Development Projects in Boston issued on October 10, 2000, as amended on April 3, 2001 (as so amended, the "Executive Order"), the Proponent hereby submits this Letter of Intent to redevelop the Site.

In the past, the Site has included industrial, light manufacturing and retail uses. The Proponent is proposing to redevelop the Site to include a new, seventeen-story limited service hotel with approximately two hundred twenty five (225) hotel rooms (the "Project").

The Site is located in (i) the Commercial Chinatown Subdistrict of the Chinatown District, which is governed principally by Article 43 of the Code, (ii) the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District, which is governed principally by Article 32 of the Code, and (iii) a Restricted Parking Overlay District. The Proponent intends to submit a Project Notification Form under Article 80B Large Project Review for the Project.

In accordance with the Executive Order, an Impact Advisory Group ("IAG") for the Project may be designated. The Proponent will coordinate community outreach with the Boston Redevelopment Authority and, once they are appointed, would appreciate being informed of the names and addresses of IAG Members.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-406-6057.

Very truly yours,


John E. Rattigan, Jr.