



# Brighton Neighbors United

January 15, 2015

By email (Gerald.Autler.bra@cityofboston.gov)

Mr. Gerald Autler, Senior Project Manager  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
One City Hall Square, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02201

Re: "2000 Commonwealth Avenue Filing"

Dear Mr. Autler,

It is our understanding that there is currently an opportunity to comment on Boston College's 2000 Commonwealth Avenue Residential Hall proposal. The proposal (Project Notification Form) is dated December 19, 2014. Is it correct to assume that our comments should address that document? Or are we once again speaking of a moving target, a project that today looks one way, tomorrow another; a project that embodies institutional promises made today, just to be reversed tomorrow?

We ask you for clarification because, unfortunately the latter, again, seems to be the case. Page 3 of the Project Notification Form clearly states:

*"[The project] will foster positive community relations with the residents of adjacent buildings and the surrounding neighborhood; and*

*"The Project will create a safer environment for students and the community by locking all balcony doors and providing additional security in the building;"*

It has come to BNU's attention that the proposal is doing neither.

On the first statement, it has been the position of BNU, since the onset of discussions on the BC IMP, that Boston College's proposal for 2000 Commonwealth Avenue is harmful to Brighton residents. As you know, Boston College's purchase of the property went against the interests of our community, took from the market a valuable residential asset, and will deprive the City from vital tax revenue. In addition to BNU's opposition to the repurposing of 2000 Commonwealth Avenue, 492 individuals who participated in the IMP's September 2008 comment period (an overwhelming 82% of the total participants) rejected that component of BC's plan.

Our position on this matter has been amply documented in letters to the BRA and to elected officials, though it was never considered by decision-makers during the IMP process. Deeply disappointed but still mindful of our civic responsibilities, we return to this "Comment Period" process, of which we are extremely skeptical. We do so prompted by Brighton residents who ironically have been staunch supporters of BC's proposal for 2000 Commonwealth Avenue. In

frustration, they have asked us to join them in expressing their dismay at Boston College's practice of systematically committing to one thing in order to obtain neighbors' support for its schemes, then turning against said neighbors once the College's goals have been achieved.

Which leads us to the second statement ("promise") by Boston College, in which the College commits to locking the building's balconies (to guarantee the safety of its students, of course). It seems as a wise precaution and yet...our neighbors report that this precaution will no longer be fully implemented... Now, this puts BNU in a complicated position. Are we to comment on aspects of the formal document (Project Notification Form)? But what is the point of such an exercise? **The College has already betrayed its commitment to neighbors, and the community at large, multiple times**, and mocked the BRA by presenting a document to the agency to which it is not bound.

So, for the record, **BNU strongly opposes the "new" proposal to keep balconies open during the summer months**. It is hard to understand why safety concerns upheld during the year should be ignored during the summer months.

Sincerely,

*Ram Rao*  
*Chair, Brighton Neighbors United*

Cc: Hon. Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Secretary of State William F. Galvin (*by email: cis@sec.state.ma.us*)  
State Senator William Brownsberger (*by email: William.Brownsberger@masenate.gov*)  
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John Laadt, Neighborhood Liaison, (*by email: John.Laadt@boston.gov*)



Gerald Autler <gerald.autler@boston.gov>

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## I am an abutter to 2000 Commonwealth BC building

1 message

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Marie Ciancarelli <marie.ciancarelli@nemoves.com>

Fri, Jan 23, 2015 at 3:18 PM

To: Gerald.Autler@boston.gov

Hi Gerald,

I did get your email address from Mary Kennedy who also lives in the building I do – 1988 Commonwealth Ave #5 in Brighton.

I am also a 10+ year real estate professional affiliated with Coldwell Banker in the area.

Saying that so that you know I definitely understand property values and the effects this building (2000 Commonwealth) can have on the neighboring buildings.

I want my value to maintain and go up – not down! I have been living here since 2005 and if I ever decide to sell I do not want to have an “undesirable” address.

I have not read every page of the 12-22-14 127 page Project Notification Form but... I did read enough.

My unit is directly next to 2000 building and from my bedroom and bathroom I can hear or see the 2000 building. My unit is the middle level unit.

In reading the report – I am very very concerned about noise level and do not understand how someone can really think that “potted plants” as described on section 2-1 will be a noise buffer. Who thinks noise only travels directly into some plants. What?

Balconies need to be closed – and not just part of the year.

Are you aware that there has been some very disturbing graffiti now on the back of the park side of the swimming pool wall. This is an historic district and it is upsetting to see the beautiful and natural 133 acres of the Chestnut Hill Reservation be at risk of graffiti, beer bottles and cans and so on that has been occurring.

Thank you for any help you can give us abutters,

Marie Ciancarelli

1988 Commonwealth Ave. #5

Brighton

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Gerald Autler &lt;gerald.autler@boston.gov&gt;

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**2000 Comm. Ave**

1 message

**Eleanor Druckman** <eleanor.druckman@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 5, 2015 at 2:58 PM

To: gerald.autler@boston.gov

Dear Mr. Autler:

I am a direct abutter of 2000 Comm. Ave. I live in a condo at 1990 Comm. Ave., and the windows of my bedrooms overlook the courtyard at 2000. I have lived here since 1998 and well understand the problems regarding noise that emanates from the balconies and the courtyard at 2000. Due to the unique architectural structure, the noise pollution is amplified. I can easily overhear conversations that take place on the balconies. Any music that is played on the balconies is also amplified many times.

When Boston College purchased 2000 and stated their intention to convert it into a dormitory, they promised to close the balconies and cover the swimming pool. At a recent walk-through hosted by Boston College, their officials explicitly reneged on the earlier promise to close off the balconies. The officials said the balconies would be closed off during the school year, but they would remain open in the summer when the College hosts conferences and other events.

I would like to register my strong disapproval for Boston College's change of plans. In my opinion, the balconies should be permanently closed off so that direct abutters like me are spared the loud music and conversations, often in the middle of the night, that make it impossible to sleep.

It is in the summer, when the nights are long and the windows are open, that the noise pollution from the balconies is the worst.

Please feel free to e-mail me to discuss this important matter.

Thank you.

Eleanor Druckman  
1990 Commonwealth Ave, Unit 5  
Brighton, MA



Gerald Autler &lt;gerald.autler@boston.gov&gt;

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**Fwd: To BRA-concerns regarding 2000 Comm Ave -,Balconies**

1 message

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**mary kennedy** <mmkennedy1988@gmail.com>  
 To: gerald.autler@boston.gov

Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 10:17 AM

Begin forwarded message: Hi Gerald, You may have already received this e-mail Have a good day! Mary Kennedy

**From:** mary kennedy <mmkennedy1988@gmail.com>  
**Date:** January 5, 2015 12:52:42 PM EST  
**To:** [gerald.autler@boston.gov](mailto:gerald.autler@boston.gov)  
**Subject:** To BRA-concerns regarding 2000 Comm Ave -,Balconies

Begin forwarded message: Hi Gerald, I sent you my comments regarding 2000 Comm Ave, thru the BRA website I am not sure that you received them. The following are the concerns that we have Thank you, Mary Kennedy

**From:** mary kennedy <mmkennedy1988@gmail.com>  
**Date:** January 3, 2015 8:08:10 PM EST  
**To:** Beverly Ross Ross <beverly.ross@verizon.net>  
**Bcc:** [sudhir.maharaj@gmail.com](mailto:sudhir.maharaj@gmail.com), [emenegon@bu.edu](mailto:emenegon@bu.edu), "Ann D." <[annie@thestefanellicompany.com](mailto:annie@thestefanellicompany.com)>  
**Subject:** message to Brighton-Allston representatives

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** mary kennedy <mmkennedy1988@gmail.com>  
**Date:** January 3, 2015 8:02:42 PM EST  
**To:** Mark Ciommo <[Mark.Ciommo@cityofboston.gov](mailto:Mark.Ciommo@cityofboston.gov)>  
**Bcc:** Michael Moran <[RepMichaelMoran@Hou.State.Ma.US](mailto:RepMichaelMoran@Hou.State.Ma.US)>, Kevin Honan <[Rep.KevinHonan@Hou.State.Ma.US](mailto:Rep.KevinHonan@Hou.State.Ma.US)>, John Laadt <[john.laadt@boston.gov](mailto:john.laadt@boston.gov)>  
**Subject:** Boston College-balconies at 2000 Commonwealth Ave

Dear Representatives to Allston-Brighton Neighborhood, I have been the liason between Boston College and Reservoir Gardens for several years. We are abutters to Boston College(2000 Commonwealth Ave) I am approximately 11 yards from the patio at 2000 Comm Ave. Other residents of Reservoir Gardens are approximately 3-4 yards from the patio at 2000 Comm Ave. The summer time is the most difficult time of the year for us when the balconies are open. The L shape of 2000

Comm Ave creates a wind tunnel, with the sounds on the balconies entering our units. I typically might call BC Community Affairs, BC police, the Concierge 15-25 times during the summer, between 10pm and 4 am. BC has said when visiting my unit and when we visited 2000 Comm Ave. that the balconies will be open June, July and 2 weeks in August, after the conversion to a dormitory. We can not wait and see how things go, then possibly close the balconies. It is historically well known that the balconies can not be open during the summer. We are abutters to 2000 Comm Ave. The balconies being open during the summer is not acceptable and greatly affects our quality of life. Any landscaping done between Reservoir Gardens and 2000 Comm Ave would have minimal affects on noise reduction. The PNF, page 2-1 states "if made available" in regard to balconies and patio being open

That is a very ambiguous statement. As representative of the Brighton-Allston Community, we seek your support to keep the balconies closed during the summer. I have spoken a few times at the BRA in support of BC's master plan, because they were closing the balconies after conversion to a dormitory. I understood that closure to be for the entire year (not academic year) I look forward to hearing from you. Your kind attention to this matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely, Mary M Kennedy, liason to BC Community Affairs from Reservoir Gardens. Telephone # 617-783-0158



Gerald Autler &lt;gerald.autler@boston.gov&gt;

## To BRA-concerns regarding 2000 Comm Ave -,Balconies

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Gerald Autler &lt;gerald.autler@boston.gov&gt;

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**2000 Comm Ave\_Boston College**

1 message

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**mary kennedy** <mmkennedy1988@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 8, 2015 at 10:27 AM

To: gerald.autler@boston.gov

To Whom it may concern. I believe that open balconies during the summer at 2000 Commonwealth is a marketing strategy for Boston College. They will have visitors sign waivers of responsibility for using the balconies. They have also protected themselves legally by closing the pool permanently and closing the balconies during the academic year. We, at Reservoir Gardens are abutters and have complained **INCESSANTLY** about noise on the balconies, **PARTICULARLY** during the summer time. Our request, closed balconies, all year long has been **COMPLETELY IGNORED**. I spoke at the **BRA MEETING** in favor of the master plan, because the balconies were being closed year round. Boston College has broken our sense of trust in them. We will have an increase of 400 students (up from 120 now) in Sept 2016. How can we possibly "move on" with them? We have other issues such as patio use which will need to be discussed with them. Right now with BC, it is BC and BC alone! Thank you for your consideration to this very important matter. Mary M. Kennedy, liason to Boston College from Reservoir Gardens ([617-783-0158](tel:617-783-0158))



Gerald Autler &lt;gerald.autler@boston.gov&gt;

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**Project Comment Submission: Boston College - 2000 Commonwealth Avenue**

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First Name: Saeed

Last Name: Mossavat

Organization:

Email: [smossavat@atlantisgrp.net](mailto:smossavat@atlantisgrp.net)

Street Address: 1988 Commonwealth Ave

Address Line 2: Apt. 2

City: Brighton

State: MA

Phone: [\(617\) 212-3123](tel:(617)212-3123)

Zip: 02135

Comments: I live and own a condominium at 1988 Commonwealth Avenue Apartment 2, Brighton Ma. Boston Collage has recently purchased the building next door (2000 Commonwealth Ave.) and turned it into a dormitory. When we purchased our condos years ago we never thought that the building next door will become a college dormitory. Over the years we have witnessed the expansion of the Boston college into our residential neighborhood and had to put up with increased noise and loud drunken parties by BC students in the streets next to our building which noticeably increases every year, now that the students have moved next door the drunken parties have come even closer at the dormitories balconies. We are families with small children, senior citizens who chose to live in Reservoir Gardens condos years ago. When we purchased our condos we did not predict this. I'm writing to request that Boston College not to be allowed to open the Balconies of 2000 Comm. Ave to the students as this will further affect our quality of life. It is bad enough having to hear the loud parties in the street it would be a disaster having to live next to the tens of balconies full of partying students every night. Please keep the balconies closed to the students. Regards, Saeed Mossavat

PMContact: [Gerald.Autler@Boston.gov](mailto:Gerald.Autler@Boston.gov)



Gerald Autler &lt;gerald.autler@boston.gov&gt;

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## 2000 commonwealth ave upcoming BC Project

1 message

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**Christine Ochsner** <christine.ochsner@gmail.com>

Fri, Jan 16, 2015 at 4:19 PM

To: "gerald.autler@boston.gov" &lt;gerald.autler@boston.gov&gt;

Hello Mr Autler

My name is Christine Ochsner and I have lived at 1992 commonwealth ave #6 for 6 1/2 years.

It's my understanding that the balcony closure at BC's dorm at 2000 commonwealth is now up for discussion as is how BC will be using the open space for around the closed outdoor pool.

I want to start by saying that I love my home and my neighborhood and am grateful every day to own my own home in this crazy real estate market which is not always kind to middle class Bostonians.

I also know living in Brighton means living amongst students who are sometimes not what would be call 'thoughtful neighbors'. I know having groups of students out on the streets walking by socializing at 2 am Saturday night is something that is a part of where I call home.

That said, The pool and balconies at 2000 comm ave make my home, which partially overlooks the pool and is next door to the balconies, an unpleasant place to sleep and to attempt to relax. Once the temperature allows, the residents of 2000 are out drinking, swimming and enjoying loud conversations with friends. Every word they say is amplified by the acoustics, alcohol, and vast amounts of concrete/brick surfaces. It's literally like they are in my apartment. I hear things that would embarrass me in front of my mother and knowing there are elementary school children in my complex who have bedroom windows facing the 2000 balconies and pool hearing these same things, makes me cringe.

It's not that the students are bad people. It's just that at their age, they are hyper focused on their friends and immediate social circle...it would never cross their mind to not scream out the C or F word 25 times in a conversation on their balcony at midnight because the people next door might be bothered by it.

Here is the big difference between students out on the street verses students using balconies and the outdoor space at 2000 comm Ave. The students in groups on the street at night are in motion...they are loud but are moving along the sidewalk getting to a destination. At 2000, if they are loud on a balcony or on the patio, they might be there for hours. As their next door neighbor, I am unintentionally their captive audience.

I am hopeful the BRA will keep in mind the quality of life for residents who will be living adjacent to 2000 commonwealth ave.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to email or call if you have any questions.

Kindest regards,

Christine Ochsner

1992 commonwealth ave #6 Brighton ma 02135

[617-780-9346](tel:617-780-9346)



Gerald Autler &lt;gerald.autler@boston.gov&gt;

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**Project Comment Submission: Boston College - 2000 Commonwealth Avenue**

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Mon, Jan 5, 2015 at 10:26 AM

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First Name: Brenda

Last Name: Pizzo

Organization: Neighbor

Email: [brenda\\_pizzo@hphc.org](mailto:brenda_pizzo@hphc.org)

Street Address: 76 Lake Street

Address Line 2:

City: Brighton

State: MA

Phone: [\(617\) 509-2741](tel:(617)509-2741)

Zip: 02135

Comments: As an abutting neighbor of Boston College, I feel very strongly that Boston College should not have bought an apartment building in the neighborhood to house their students. Boston College claims that they are against dormitories that are more than five or six stories because they defeat the purpose of a feeling of community. Yet they purchased a building in a less than forthcoming manner in the middle of a neighborhood that is 16 stories tall. The Brighton Community supports Boston College housing their students on the main campus, period. Neighbors might feel more amenable to 2000 Commonwealth Ave if it were used for graduate and faculty housing but not undergraduate.

PMContact: [Gerald.Autler@Boston.gov](mailto:Gerald.Autler@Boston.gov)



## Reservoir Gardens Condominium Association

Boston, January 19, 2015

To Mr. Gerald Autler, Senior Project Manager/Planner  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
One City Hall Square - Boston, MA 02201

### **Re: Noise mitigation issues at 2000 Commonwealth Avenue**

On behalf of the 50 units' residents in our Condominium, abutting the Boston College property at 2000 Commonwealth Avenue, and as Trustees of the Condominium Association, we are writing to express concern about noise pollution issues, and ask the City of Boston (BRA) to consider our request for further efforts to mitigate noise.

As described in the Project Notification Form we received from Boston College on December 22, page 2-1, the mitigation efforts taken by BC for the outdoor patio are inadequate ("a natural buffer of potted plants"). We request, together with strict monitoring of residents' noise levels in outside areas at 2000 Commonwealth Avenue, **better noise screening than potted plants.**

We commend the installation of new windows in the building, equipped with limiters to prevent windows from opening more than six inches, as well as the closure of the balconies. However, both in the Notification Form, and in published press releases, Boston College has intimated that windows and balconies will be open during the summer months (from June 1<sup>st</sup> to the first week of August). This is a rather irrational policy and **we request that the same policies applied during the academic year be followed also in summer** (we have also gathered signatures from our residents on this issue, which are being sent to you by our Condo's BC Liaison, Ms. Mary Kennedy).

As stated in the Form, summer will be a time for BC to host academic conferences (and possibly youth gatherings) on campus. Participants in these conferences and gatherings will not be directly affiliated with Boston College, and thus hardly easier to control than BC students, whose behavior is further constrained by academic discipline codes and threat of expulsion. Allowing use of balconies and opening of windows during the summer months, when non-BC affiliated guests will naturally tend to stay up later than in winter months, will in fact increase the likelihood of more noise at later hours from those open balconies and windows.

**We therefore request that the City Government - BRA ask Boston College to enforce the same policies regarding balconies and windows in summer, and implement more stringent noise control efforts all year round on outdoor areas. We thank you very much for your consideration.**

Respectfully,

RGC Association Trustees

Eugenio Menegon (1984 Commonwealth Avenue, apt. 4)

Sudhir Maharaj (1984 Commonwealth Avenue, apt. 5)

Please reply to [emenegon@bu.edu](mailto:emenegon@bu.edu)



Gerald Autler &lt;gerald.autler@boston.gov&gt;

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**Project Comment Submission: Boston College - 2000 Commonwealth Avenue**

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Wed, Jan 21, 2015 at 5:05 PM

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First Name: Beverly

Last Name: Ross

Organization:

Email: [beverly.ross@verizon.net](mailto:beverly.ross@verizon.net)

Street Address: 1990 Commonwealth Ave Apt 6

Address Line 2:

City: Brighton

State: MA

Phone: [\(617\) 254-6507](tel:(617)254-6507)

Zip: 02135

Comments: Since 1978, I have lived at 1990 Comm. Ave. which abuts 2000 Comm. Ave. Through the years I have made numerous calls and visits to 2000 Comm. Ave. regarding the noise from the balconies, patio area, and garage area. I am very concerned about the use of the patio and balconies and the ability of the residents to adhere to the expectations set by Boston College administrators. I am encouraged to see soundproofing measures are being researched, but more than potted plants are needed. The best use of the patio area would be to use it for meditation, spiritual reflection, and quiet studying. Due to the noise issues through the years, I am not in favor of opening the balconies during the summer months.

PMContact: [Gerald.Autler@Boston.gov](mailto:Gerald.Autler@Boston.gov)



RESERVOIR GARDENS CONDOMINIUM  
1982-1992 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
BRIGHTON, MA 02135

TO: ALL RESERVOIR GARDENS UNIT OWNERS AND RESIDENTS

FROM: The Board of Trustees of Reservoir Gardens  
Mary Kennedy, RG Liaison to Boston College

MEMO: 2000 Commonwealth Avenue Balconies and Noise Pollution

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The building at 2000 Commonwealth Avenue is being converted to a Boston College dormitory, and we have been informed that the balconies adjacent to our property will be open during the summer. This is going to impact the residents of our Condo Association, as the level of noise would no doubt increase, especially at night (as experience has taught us).

We would like to ask all residents to sign a REQUEST to Boston College to keep all balconies CLOSED all year long, including summer, to avoid increased levels of noise pollution. The request must be presented by January 20, and we encourage you to sign as soon as possible.

Copies of our request, with space to sign your name with unit number, will be affixed in all entrance hallways. If you wish more information on this initiative please contact Mary Kennedy ([mmkennedy1988@gmail.com](mailto:mmkennedy1988@gmail.com)). Please also email forms to Mary Kennedy by January 20th.

Please also see article: <http://www.universalhub.com/2014/bc-plans-limit-how-much-students-comm-ave-building>

Thanks for your cooperation in safeguarding quality of life at Reservoir Gardens.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees  
Reservoir Gardens Condominium Trust

By signature below, I / we, resident (s) of the Reservoir Garden Condominium located at 1982-1992 Commonwealth Avenue, REQUEST that Boston College to keep all balconies CLOSED at 2000 Commonwealth Avenue, all year long, including summer, to avoid increased levels of noise pollution.

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Signature Eugenio Menegon Street Address: 1984 Unit # 4

Printed Name: EUGENIO  
MENEGON  
( TRUSTEE )

DATE: JAN, 7, 2014

By signature below, I / we, resident (s) of the Reservoir Garden Condominium located at 1982-1992 Commonwealth Avenue, REQUEST that Boston College to keep all balconies CLOSED at 2000 Commonwealth Avenue, all year long, including summer, to avoid increased levels of noise pollution.

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Signature  Street Address: 1984 Unit # 5

Printed Name: Sudhir Maharaj DATE: 1-12-15  
(Trustee)

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Signature  Street Address: 1984 Unit # 4

Printed Name: BEN CRUISE DATE: 10 JAN 15

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Signature  Street Address: 1984 Commonwealth Unit # 2

Printed Name: George Jia DATE: 1-10-15

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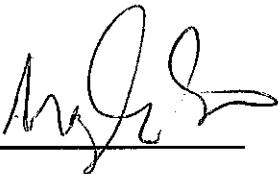
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Printed Name: Joseph V. Mazzulli DATE: 1/14/15

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Printed Name: MAGDA M. STROPNIK DATE: 1/9/15

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Printed Name: Mi Tan DATE: 01/15/14

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Brighton MA

Printed Name: Jay Lee DATE: 1/11/2015

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Signature Thomas Perkins Street Address: 1986 Comm. Ave Unit # 6

Printed Name: Thomas Perkins DATE: 1/8/2015

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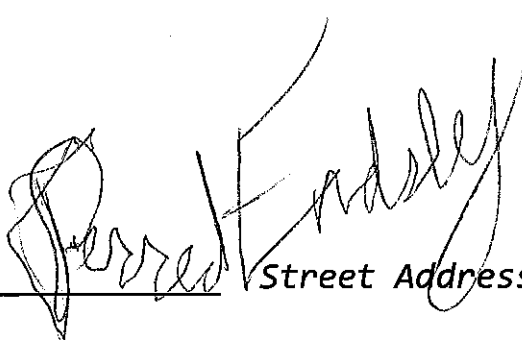
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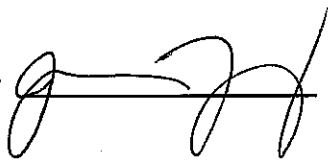
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Printed Name: Jarrod Endsley DATE: 1/8/2014

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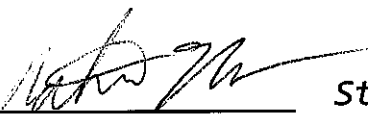
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Printed Name: Jessica Tsay DATE: 1/7/15

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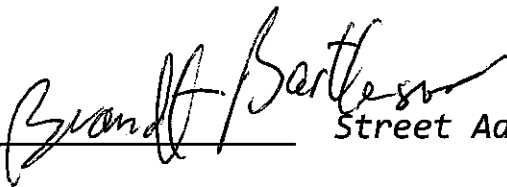
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Printed Name: NATHAN MOORE DATE: 1/19/15

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Signature  Street Address: 1988 Unit # 1

Printed Name: Brandt Bartleson DATE: Jan 7, 2015



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Signature Mary M. Kennedy Street Address: 1988 Commonwealth Ave Brighton, MA Unit # #13

Printed Name: MARY M. KENNEDY DATE: 11/7/2015

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Commonwealth Ave.

Printed Name: Allison Boris DATE: 1/10/15

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Signature Saeed Mossavat Street Address: 1988 Comm Ave Unit # 2

Printed Name: Saeed Mossavat DATE: 01-07-2015

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Signature Marie Cianculli Street Address: 1988 Commonwealth Ave Unit # 5

Printed Name: MARIE CIANCULLI DATE: 1-7-2015

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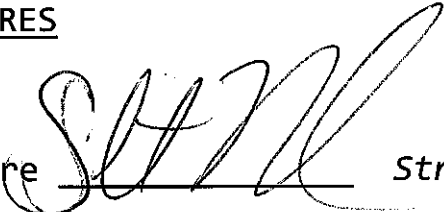
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Printed Name: NANCY WRIGHT DATE: 1/7/15

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Printed Name: *Deanne Hancock* DATE: *11/07/2015*

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Printed Name: M. BULANOV DATE: 01.09.15

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Printed Name: Suzanna Guidone DATE: ~~1/7~~ 1/7/15

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Signature John P. Carroll Street Address: 1992 Commonwealth Ave, #6  
Brighton, MA 02135 Unit # 6

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 1/12/15

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Printed Name: PATRICIA RAMSEY DATE: 1/21/15

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Signature  Street Address: 1992 Unit # 6

Printed Name: Christie Ochsner DATE: 1/11/15



Gerald Autler &lt;gerald.autler@boston.gov&gt;

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## 2000 Commonwealth Ave

1 message

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**reservoirgardens** <reservoirgardens@aol.com>

Mon, Jan 5, 2015 at 4:13 PM

To: gerald.autler@boston.gov

Dear Mr. Autler, I live next door to 2000 Commonwealth Ave, the 17-story building that Boston College plans to use as a dormitory. The master plan states that, upon completion, the balconies would be locked and the outdoor pool would be closed. Both measures were designed to limit the noise from the building.

At a recent BRA meeting, a BC official stated the balconies would be open during the summer months. The same official intimated that if the balconies were not kept open during the summer, then the pool would be.

This is not acceptable. The 17-story structure towers over our 3-story building and the noise from it fills our homes day and night.

I urge you to keep BC on track with its master plan: No open balconies. No pool.

Best wishes,

Nancy Wright  
1988 Commonwealth Ave  
Brighton, MA  
[617-782-4933](tel:617-782-4933)