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Mr. John Fitzgerald, Senior Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

I'd like to lend my support to the proposed Boston Garden/80 Causeway Street project. This development will fill in the huge void left by the old Boston Garden site, which would be a welcome addition to a new revitalized waterfront skyline. For too long, motorists and waterfront residents have had to look at a gaping hole completely encircled by brand new, beautiful architecture, most notably the iconic Zakim Bridge. With the economy finally rebounding after the 2008 recession, it's encouraging to finally see this project gain some traction.

What excites me most are the proposals of new retail use as well as traffic upgrades. For many years, the residents of the North End and West End have been in dire need of a supermarket in this area. What makes this idea great is that it's beneficial to the surrounding communities and not just tourists and fans attending Garden events, i.e. a bar or a restaurant or a pro shop. It's also no secret that traffic in this area is still a nightmare many years after the completion of the Big Dig. Adding event traffic into an area already congested from commuters exiting the tunnel or the ramp from Interstate 93 is still a problem that has yet to be completely resolved. My hope is that this project will continue to alleviate this area and make it more pedestrian friendly.

Again, please add my name in support. Although it's been a long road, I'd like to thank you for your patience and careful planning of this historical area. I'm confident that when all is said and done this will enhance what is already the most condense and vibrant section of our great city.

Sincerely,

Salvatore LaMattina
Boston City Councilor, District 1