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John Fitzgerald

Boston Redevelopment Authority

One City Hall Square

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RE: Boston Garden Development Project

Dear John,

I am a former resident of Boston who now commutes into the city daily via the commuter rail into North Station. I recently learned of the Boston Garden Project proposed by Boston Properties and Delaware North, and I wholeheartedly support this project.

The area around North Station often has an eerie abandoned feel, especially in the evening when there is nothing going on at the Garden. I feel uncomfortable waiting for trains there at night and the surrounding area lacks welcoming places to eat or shop if one misses a train or must wait. The retail and entertainment venues proposed would make this area so much more welcoming, as well as safer. I especially love the proposal for an affordable grocery store. There have been many occasions where I would like to buy groceries to bring into the office with me for lunch, and having a convenient store right on my way to work would be wonderful. North Station and the surrounding area is often the first impression of Boston for many tourists as well. Moreover, the fact that Boston Properties is part of the development team gives me great confidence that this development will be executed at the highest level. When I lived in Boston, I spent a lot of time shopping and dining in the Prudential Center, it is one of the cleanest and safest places in the city. It would be a huge benefit to have a quality development for North Station.

I hope the BRA approves this project and does everything it can to ensure that it is built immediately. This project is a benefit not just to Boston, but to every commuter and visitor of the city as well.

Thank you,

Tracey Siegrist

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