



October 23, 2013

John Fitzgerald
Boston Redevelopment Authority
One City Hall Square
Boston MA 02201-1007

Re: Boston Garden Expanded Project Notification Form

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

On behalf of the US Green Building Council, Massachusetts Chapter, I am submitting this letter of support for Boston Properties' Boston Garden Project and the relevant Expanded Project Notification Form dated Sept. 6, 2013. We believe this development will further our mission to increase the number of green buildings in Massachusetts, which increase the quality of life for all.

Boston Properties has a long record of creating high performance real estate. We are proud to see them achieve LEED Platinum at Atlantic Wharf. We support their Boston Garden Project as it will be another exemplary mixed-use project with extremely high green standards.

The proposal resonates with us beyond its expected LEED certification. It is a major infill development which will re-invigorate the neighborhood. As a mixed-use project, esp. with a hotel, apartments and grocery store, will enable people to interact and create a vibrant streetscape. The project will enhance walkability, connectivity, and re-utilize an under-optimized part of the city. Being located at a major transportation hub, it will epitomize transit-oriented development which magnifies the green aspects of the project by reducing private car use by the residents and visitors. Following best practices for climate preparedness, Boston Properties is committed to researching and implementing resilient building strategies. These strategies will allow safe, comfortable and efficient operation, despite the impacts of climate change, including: rising sea level, extreme weather events, and a hotter climate.

We appreciate your work to guide the City to excellence in urban design and construction. We are confident this project will be useful to the local community and a valuable addition to the City's public sphere. No one wants the ugly lot there to persist, and no one is more capable of turning it into something wonderful than Boston Properties. Thank you for considering Boston Properties' Expanded Project Notification Form for the Boston Garden Project.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Grey Lee".

Sincerely,
Grey Lee
Executive Director
US Green Building Council - Massachusetts Chapter
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