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Ed McGuire, Project Manager
Boston Redevelopment Authority
One City Hall Plaza, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201

RE: Letter of Support for Approval of the First Two Phases of the Government Center
Garage Redevelopment Project

Dear Ed,

The West End Community Center (WECC) is a community-based, non-profit, all-volunteer neighborhood organization dedicated to providing recreational and cultural programs for the families of the West End and unifying the West End as a vibrant community. While our most well known programs, the Annual West End Children's Festival and the West End Softball League, take place in the summer, we also offer programming that caters to both adults and youth throughout the year. I am submitting this letter on behalf of the West End Community Center, as a member of the previously mentioned organization and as a member of the Impact Advisory Group for this project.

The WECC Supports the first two phases that the HYM Investment Group recently submitted to the BRA for the Government Center Garage Redevelopment project design review.

We are gratified that the HYM Investment Group developers have proposed a long term, multi-phased plan for replacing the massive garage with pedestrian-friendly streets, a public plaza and mixed-use buildings. Based on their past record of responsiveness to neighborhood concerns about tower heights and traffic impacts, to name a few, we are confident that HYM Investment Group will continue to work with the community as this project proceeds through.

We appreciate all that HYM has done on our behalf and we look forward to seeing the Residential and Office building phases completed.

Sincerely,

Martha Maguire, President
West End Community Center

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