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Fw: GOVERNMENT CENTER GARAGE BRA

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To: EDWARD MCGUIRE BRA <Edward.McGuire@boston.gov>

To: John Fitzgerald**FROM: William Georgaqui****RE: GOVERNMENT CENTER GARAGE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PHASE 1 & 2 - BRA COMMENT LETTER**

William Georgaqui

150 Staniford Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02114

July 2, 2013

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

I am writing to offer my comments on the proposed Government Center Garage Redevelopment Project..

The West End is important to me. I was born and grew up in in the West End.

My family returned to the West End's Charles River Park after the West End redevelopment .

I am presently a resident, cooperative shareholder of West End Place and Chairperson of the West End Place Neighborhood Relations Committee

I am also on the Board of Directors of the all volunteer West End Community Center since it's founding

I serve on the board of Downtown North Association.

I am the founder of the West End Residents Association focused on introducing new West End renters and owners to our fast growing West End Boston neighborhood.

I fully support the HYM Investment Group's proposal redevelopment to replace the massive parking garage with new office, commercial and residential uses along with inviting attractive pedestrian paths and new open space.

The existing massive garage structure cleared residential and commercial buildings and this allowed for the construction of local, state, and federal government offices.

The reality is that massive Government Center parking garage also divided our West End, Beacon Hill and North End neighborhoods.

I am especially thankful that the HYM Investment group developers have proposed a long term, multi-phased plan for replacing part of the massive garage with a pedestrian friendly streets, public plaza and mixed-use buildings on two urban blocks spread among almost 5 acres.

Taking down portions of the massive garage over Congress Street will invite a rebirth of daylight and sun to finally return to Congress Street.

The West GCG section of the project will include an apartment building (New Sudbury Street) followed by an office building (New Chardon Street); and a building on Congress Street that will offer apartments /condominiums.

The East GCG section is planned to include an office building facing the Greenway; a boutique retail building; and hotel/condominium building (Congress Street).

Many West End resident concerns have been respectfully addressed by the HYM Investment group at various West End community and IGA meetings that I have attended.

I also attended the many interesting and informative BRA Design Review meetings at the BRA offices.

The Government Center Garage is a positive game changing project for downtown Boston and for our West End, Beacon Hill and North End residents, business and workers.

Bottom Line Benefits Include:

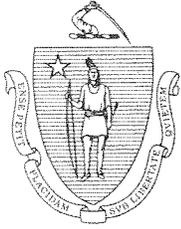
- *New multi-million dollar investment in the West End Our West End will double in population in the next 3 to 5 years*
- *Much needed affordable housing to achieve the City of Boston goal of 55,000 units*
- *New Boston and West End construction jobs*
- *New Boston and West End permanent jobs*
- *New businesses motivated moving in*
- *New investment opportunities in creating additional business/services benefiting our West End residents/workers and our City of Boston*
- *Increased business growth opportunities for our existing West End businesses*
- *Increased added West End private security*
- *New dramatic and dynamic upscale improvements in the Downtown Boston Government Center*
- *Increased future equity for present West End condo/co-op owners*
- *New rental options for West End renters*
- *Increase City of Boston commercial real estate taxes*
- *Stabilizing future City of Boston real estate tax rates especially for residential taxes*
- *Destruction of a large section of the obtrusive section of the monster Garage,,,,,,, a final component in the efforts to rejoin our West End with the North End post the Green Monster Highway coming down*

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

William Georgaqui

Resident - West End Place



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December 18, 2015

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Dear Mr. McGuire,

I am writing in support of the first two phases of the Government Center Garage redevelopment process, which the HYM Investment Group recently submitted for design review. The two phases consist of a 480' tall residential project with 486 units (including 64 on-site affordable units) and a 528' tall office building.

Also included in the first two phases is the removal of the majority of the 2,300-space garage, including the portion that spans over Merrimac Street. This is critically important as the physical barrier that exists today will be open to daylight and it will help to further connect the surrounding neighborhoods.

The overall project has been through an extremely comprehensive public review process at both the City and State level, and the HYM team has been responsive to the needs and concerns of the communities throughout the process.

As future phases of the project advance, it is important to continue to have an open conversation about the project and its impacts on infrastructure, transportation, public amenities, etc., to the residents of the surrounding communities. That said, the first two proposed phases of the project are a tremendous step in the direction of improving the City of Boston for future generations.

If you have any further questions regarding my support for this project, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Michlewitz".

Aaron Michlewitz
State Representative
3rd Suffolk District