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By Hand Delivery

Mr. Peter Meade  
Director  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
One City Hall Plaza, 9<sup>th</sup> floor  
Boston, MA 02201

**Re: Skating Club of Boston, Boston**

Dear Director Meade:

On behalf of our client, The Skating Club of Boston (the "Skating Club"), we are pleased to submit this Letter of Intent to develop the Skating Club of Boston project (the "Proposed Project") on the site located at 176 Lincoln Street in the Allston/Brighton neighborhood. This submission is being made in accordance with the Mayor's Executive Order dated October 10, 2000 Relative to the Provision of Mitigation by Development Projects in Boston, as amended.

The Skating Club of Boston was founded in 1912 and currently occupies a single rink located at 1240 Soldier's Field Road in Allston/Brighton, which was constructed in 1938. The Skating Club is widely recognized as a national leader in ice skating training and education, and has sent numerous members to Olympic and national success.

The Proposed Project site currently contains approximately 5.3 acres of land and is the site of the 450,000 square foot so-called Boston Tech Center – a structure that is highly visible from the Massachusetts Turnpike, was completed in 2000 and has sat vacant since that time. This structure will be demolished to make way for the Proposed Project, a state-of-the-art 3-rink skating facility that will anchor the Skating Club in the Allston/Brighton community for generations to come and provide an important recreational amenity to the surrounding community.

The Proposed Project will involve the construction of over 50,000 square feet of new gross floor area, thus triggering the requirements of Article 80B of the Boston Zoning Code (the "Code"), Large Project Review. The Proposed Project will also seek certain relief from the Code through the creation of a Planned Development Area Development Plan, pursuant to Article 80C of the Code. The total Gross Floor Area of the proposed project is approximately 153,000 square feet.

The Proposed Project will accomplish several key objectives for the Skating Club as it looks forward to the next chapter in its 100-year history and will result in the creation of a major new community recreational amenity, new streetscape improvements, and myriad other public benefits.

On behalf of the entire development team, we look forward to working with you, BRA staff, the City of Boston, and the community at large in furtherance of this major investment in and opportunity for the City of Boston.



Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Yanni K. Tsipis", written over a horizontal line.

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cc: Mr. Joseph Blount, The Skating Club of Boston  
Mr. Michael Parker, Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster