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CITY OF NEWTON

Planning and Development Board

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To: The Honorable City Council President, Susan Albright
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

CC: Honorable Newton City Councilors
Planning & Development Board

SUBJ: Planning & Development Board Recommendation on Docket #206-23
Discussion and possible ordinance to allow for breweries, brew pubs, and other craft beverage production

Dear Honorable Council President Albright:

During the Planning and Development Board's September 15th meeting, the Board voted 6-0-1 (Director Heath abstaining) to recommend approval of this zoning amendment as drafted by the Planning Department and recommended by the Zoning and Planning Committee on September 11th. This includes ZAP's amendment to remove parking requirements for such establishments. Additionally, the Planning and Development Board recommends allowing a special permit for establishments over 10,000 square feet in Mixed Use 3 and 4 districts. The Board further recommends that the City addresses the issue of parking minimums more comprehensively in the future to create consistency within use categories.

Sincerely,

Kelley Brown, Chair