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BY HAND and EMAIL

Mr. Scott Matthews
Committee Clerk
Newton City Council
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459-1449


Re: Council Orders #259-22 (Zone Change) and #260-22 (Special Permit)
34, 36, 38, 48, and 50 Crafts Street, 19 Court Street, and 21 Court Street, Newton

Dear Mr. Matthews,

On November 7, 2022 the City Council granted a special permit and zone change for an Elderly Housing with Services development on Crafts and Court Streets. Pursuant to Section 7.3.2.E of the Zoning Ordinances, the petitioners, Crafts Development LLC and SRG Holdco Investments, LLC, respectfully request an extension of the time within which to exercise the special permit for two additional years to November 6, 2025.

The petitioners have been faced with market dynamics which are making the project financially challenging to start at the present time. The extension of time has been requested for this reason. The hope is that market dynamics will improve over time and that the project will be able to proceed at a future date.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Buchbinder

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cc: (By EMail)

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