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Date: January 29, 2020

The Honorable City Council President, Susan Albright

City of Newton
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Subject: Petition #26-20 for a change of zone to Mixed Use 3/Transit Oriented District for portions of land located at 355 Grove Street (currently zoned BU-2) and 399 Grove Street (currently zoned BU-5), also identified as Section 42, Block 11, Lots 3 and 4

Dear Honorable Council President Albright:

On Tuesday, January 28, 2020 the Planning and Development Board voted 6-0-1 (Director Heath abstaining) to approve the following motion:

In light of the previous successful efforts between Mark Development and the Lower Falls Improvement Association to agree on the text and a set of standards that will apply to MU-3 Zone as well as a recognition that this zone is only applicable to the Riverside site because of its specificity, the Planning & Development Board recommends to the full City Council that the newly defined MU-3 zoning designation be extended to include the approximately 4.4 acres within the Riverside project site not presently zoned as such.

Submitted on behalf of the Planning & Development Board.

Sincerely,

Peter B. Doeringer, Chair