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BY FIRST CLASS MAIL AND BY EMAIL (rlipof@newtonma.gov)

Councilor Richard Lipof
Chairman, Land Use Committee
Newton City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
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Re: Proposed Riverside Mixed-Use Development

Dear Chairman Lipof,

At a meeting of the Land Use Committee earlier this year, representatives of the MBTA were asked if the MBTA would be willing to install solar panels on the roof of the MBTA garage at the site (the "ICF"). At that time, representatives of the MBTA responded that it would consider doing so, recognizing that the inclusion of solar panels on the roof of the ICF would be required to go through a state mandated procurement process.

In exploring this matter further with representatives of Mark Development ("MD"), we are pleased to report that the MBTA and MD have arrived at the following understanding with respect to this matter:

1. MD will design and construct the ICF to accommodate maximum solar panel coverage on the roof of the ICF.
2. The design standards to accommodate solar panels will be reviewed and approved by the MBTA when reviewing the overall design of the ICF.
3. When the ICF has been constructed, MD will furnish any required conduits and related infrastructure to support solar panels on the roof of the ICF.
4. During the course of design of the ICF, the MBTA and MD will determine jointly the preferred utility connection for the solar panels (i.e., connection to utilities on Grove Street or on the remaining MBTA property).
5. Within six months of the delivery of the ICF by MD to the MBTA, the latter will undertake the necessary procurement effort to implement solar on the roof of the ICF.

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6. To the extent that the procurement effort results in the selection of a third party vendor, the MBTA will coordinate efforts with MD and the third party vendor to make the implementation of solar on the roof of the ICF a reality.

I hope that the foregoing will convey the MBTA's intention to achieve solar on the roof of the ICF subject to the conditions noted above. Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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