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BY HAND

Mayor Setti Warren
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Re: Grove Street Tree Removal

Dear Mayor Warren,

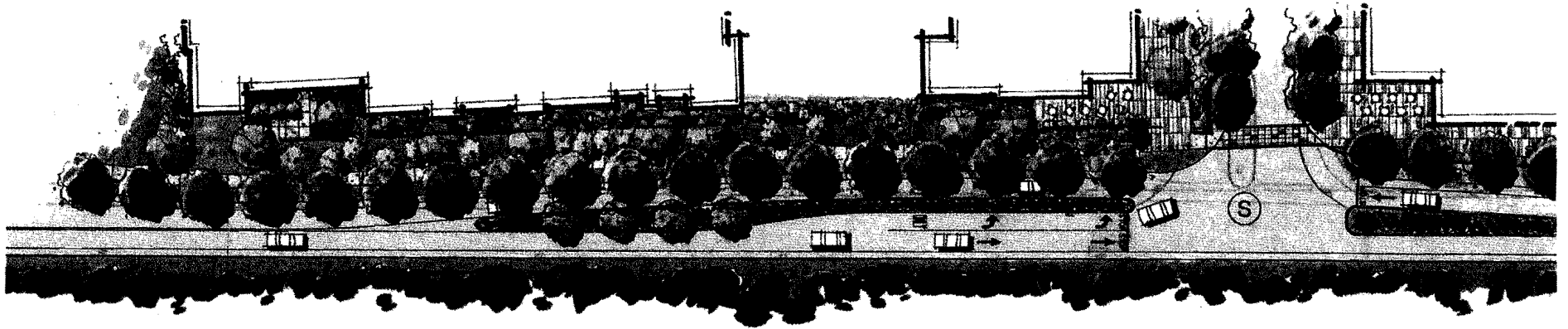
I represent BH Normandy Riverside LLC which is currently seeking to construct a mixed use development incorporating office, retail and residential uses on a 4-acre portion of the Riverside MBTA station site on Grove Street.

The proposed development requires the widening of Grove Street, a designated scenic road pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 15C. Grove Street was designated a scenic road on July 5, 1977 by the Newton Board of Aldermen in Board Order #680-76. The widening necessitates the removal of two pear trees and a black locust tree on the western side of Grove Street abutting the MBTA property. The combined caliper of the three trees is approximately 26 inches.

My client has submitted a plan to replace these three trees with eight new 4 inch to 4.5 inch caliper trees as a part of its comprehensive landscape plan for the proposed Riverside development. I have enclosed renderings showing the location of the trees to be removed and replaced for your reference. The first, entitled "Proposed Roadway Improvements", shows an overview of the scope of the landscaping improvements my client intends to create along Grove Street. The second, entitled "Proposed Tree Removal

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PROPOSED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS



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PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT

PROPOSED TREES

TYPE	SYMBOL	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	CALIPER
STREET TREES		<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak	4" - 4.5"
		<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak	4" - 4.5"
		<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Princeton Elm	4" - 4.5"

