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BY HAND

Alderman Ted Hess-Mahan Chairman, Land Use Committee Newton Board of Aldermen Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459-1449

Re:

Special Permit #57-12

Domenancy, LLC/39-41 Jackson Street

Dear Chairman Hess-Mahan,

The day after the public hearing and working session related to the above matter, the project architect and surveyor met with my client at the site in order to review the apparent discrepancy between the site plan and the elevations noted by Alderman Crossley at the working session. They confirmed a discrepancy in the plans. As it turns out, there is a concrete retaining wall which divides the two parking stalls at issue in the attached garage. Because the removal of this concrete wall, which supports the deck above it, would constitute a substantial construction project, the development team looked at other options to address the parking issue.

I have enclosed a revised site plan which shows four exterior parking stalls, one parking stall in the attached garage and one parking stall in the detached accessory structure. In effect, we have relocated one parking stall formerly in the attached garage to the outside, resulting in four, as opposed to three, outside parking stalls. The outside parking stalls have been moved slightly to the west so that none of them are within the side setback. The redesign was also accomplished without reducing the open space. The impervious surface for the fourth outdoor parking stall was offset by a reduction of impervious surface in the area formerly within the side setback.

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We felt that this was a reasonable manner in which to address the problem. We are all grateful to Alderman Crossley for having raised this issue, as it was certainly preferable to confront the issue at this time as opposed to down the road.

I would be happy to answer any questions which you might have.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Buchbinder

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