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The Honorable City Council President, Susan Albright
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
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CC: City Council, Alissa Ocasio Giuliani, Jennifer Caira, Michael Gleba, Neil Cronin

RE: Request to rezone two parcels of land from BU-2 to MU-4 at 1149-1151 Walnut Street (Docket Item #319-20)

Dear Honorable Council President Albright:

The Planning and Development Board reopened its public hearing on Docket Item #319-20 (Request to rezone two parcels of land from BU-2 to MU-4 at 1149-1151 Walnut Street) at its regularly-scheduled meeting on March 1, 2021. Following the closing of the public hearing, the Board discussed this docket item and passed the following motion by a vote of six in favor, none opposed, and Director Heath abstaining:

To recommend to the City Council the approval of Docket Item #319-20 requesting to rezone two parcels of land at 1149-1151 Walnut St. from BU-2 to MU-4.

This recommendation complies with the recent State guidance for applying the provisions of Chapter 40A section 5 (as amended under the economic development legislation of 2020), which allows for a simple majority vote by the City Council when the zoning change meets the condition that it "Permits an increase in the permissible density of population or intensity of a particular use in a proposed multi-family or mixed-use development that requires a special permit."

Sincerely,

Peter B. Doeringer, Chair

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