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CITY OF NEWTON

Planning and Development Board

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The Honorable City Council President, Susan Albright
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
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CC: Honorable Newton City Council

RE: #182-21 Request for Chapter 30 Amendment to Ban Operation of Gun Establishments COUNCILORS GENTILE, NORTON, GREENBERG, OLIVER, WRIGHT, KALIS, LUCAS, MARKIEWICZ, MALAKIE, GROSSMAN AND LAREDO Requesting amendments to the Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30, including, but not limited to, an amendment to the definition of "Firearm Business", and amendments to Section 4.4.1 Allowed Uses and Section 6.10.4 Fire Arm Business Uses to ban the use of land, structures and buildings for the siting and operation of business or commercial establishments engaged in the operation of a firing range or the sale of or manufacture of firearms, as defined under Massachusetts law.

Dear Honorable Council President Albright:

The Planning and Development Board held a public hearing at a joint meeting with the Zoning and Planning Committee on June 21, 2021 on docket item #182-21. Following the closing of the public hearing, the Planning Board passed the following motion by a vote of five against, and Director Heath abstaining:

To recommend the denial of Docket Item #182-21 to the City Council requesting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

The Board then voted on a further clarifying motion stating that the intent of the negative vote on Docket Item #182-21 was to affirmatively deny a ban on gun establishments. The motion was passed by a vote of five in favor with Mr. Heath abstaining.

Sincerely,

Peter B. Doeringer, Chair

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