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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  
Newton, MA 02459

CC: Honorable Newton City Council

**RE: #528-20** Requesting review and possible amendment to Local Preference in Chapter 30 COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, NORTON, CROSSLEY, BOWMAN, NOEL, HUMPHREY, WRIGHT, LAREDO, KALIS, RYAN, LIPOF AND DANBERG requesting a review and possible amendment to the Local Preference Ordinance in Chapter 30 sections 5.11.8. This section requires an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing and Resident Selection Plan (AFHMP) for all Inclusionary Units which provides for a local preference for up to 70% of the Inclusionary Units. Various groups including The Fair Housing Committee and the Newton Housing Partnership have questioned whether the percent of local preference to current Newton residents should be lowered with the goal of increasing racial diversity in Newton.

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 October 25, 2021 on docket item #528-20. Following the closing of the public hearing, the Planning Board voted to endorse the proposed amendment to the local preference language in Chapter 30 Section 5.11.8 with six voting in favor and Director Heath abstaining.

Sincerely,

Peter B. Doeringer, Chair