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**BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Richard A. Lipof, Chair  
Land Use Committee  
Newton City Council  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459-1449

Re: Petition #260-22/Crafts Development, LLC and SRG HoldCo Investments, LLC  
34, 36, 38, 48, and 50 Crafts Street/19 and 21 Court Street

Dear Chairman Lipof,

Enclosed please find a revised architectural plan sheet A07 prepared by Elkus Manfredi Architects dated August 29, 2022 which incorporates the changes to the proposed garage parking layout as shown in a rendering which was submitted on July 15, 2022. The changes include parking stalls which are 9 feet wide (as opposed to 8.5 feet wide) as suggested by Councilor Laredo and supported by others, as well as the new location of bike racks. No further changes have been made to the plan, but we wanted to ensure that the plan set of record reflected the design commitments made to date.

Additionally, the petitioners seek to clarify several issues which were raised at the August 9, 2022 public hearing.

**Employee Schedule**

The petitioners were asked to consider staggering the employee shift schedule to avoid congestion in the garage at 4:00 p.m.. The petitioner will do so as necessary to avoid congestion.

**EV Parking Stalls**

The garage has 137 parking stalls which will serve the IL residents, staff, and visitors. SRG has allocated 55 of those stalls for use by the IL residents. 50% of those stalls, namely 28 stalls, will be equipped with EV chargers.

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**Pedestrian Connection to Whole Foods**

The petitioners reached out to Whole Foods to explore the feasibility of adding a pedestrian connection from the site to the Whole Foods parking lot. Unfortunately, due to the loading operations at the rear of the Whole Foods site, this connection will not be feasible.

**Emergency Vehicle Traffic**

Enclosed please find a memorandum which outlines mitigation protocols relative to emergency vehicle traffic to the site.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Buchbinder

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Enclosures

cc: (By Electronic Mail, w/enclosures)

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