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To: Maria Morelli <mmorelli@brooklinema.gov>

Dear Miss Morelli:

Can you share this letter with the members of the zoning board? I wanted to make sure that the following safety concerns were appropriately addressed by the applicant:

- Environmental Partners (EP) noted that the speed study was performed during peak hours. By definition at peak hours there is increased and slower traffic. Did the applicant perform speed measurements over an extended period of time? Like 24 to 48 hours?
- EP also noted that the driveway barely meets the minimum sight distance requirements by only 5 feet using the provided limited data, and will not meet minimum requirements for vehicles traveling only 1-2 mph faster. This will create unsafe conditions for incoming traffic from Harvard Street. Was this addressed by the applicant?
- In addition, the Kenwood and adjacent streets residents are concerned about the fact that vehicles parked at the location or vehicles servicing the building (ride sharing, UPS, Amazon, USPS, Fedex...) will result in increased traffic in this residential area (Kenwood, Russell, Columbia and Verndale) with potentially increased speed to complete the exit. This is particularly dangerous with kids playing at Coolidge Park. This will have a negative impact on pedestrian safety for local residents crossing Kenwood Street and adjacent streets. Was this addressed by the applicant?

Despite multiple requests to reduce the size of the building to better fit within the neighborhood, the applicant seems determined to build a tall 6 story building. Is the applicant working in good faith to consider alternative options that will effectively reduce the size of the building and truly address the safety and quality of life concerns raised by the residents?

Is there truly a need to have a private gym in this building when there is a gym literally 5-minute walking distance on Gorham Street (BSC)?

Is there a need for parking in the building? We are all in favor of more affordable housing in Brookline. I do question the applicant's true intentions, however. Does the applicant truly care about people who can't afford housing? Or does the applicant care about adding features that could generate maximum revenue such as a private gym and on-site parking at the expense of the safety and quality of life in the neighborhood?

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