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Subject: 775 Huntington Avenue Project Notification Form (PNF) REVISED Comments

Dear Ms. DaRosa:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 775 Huntington Avenue Project Notification Form (PNF) located in the Mission Hill neighborhood. The Boston Groundwater Trust (BGwT) was established by the Boston City Council to monitor groundwater levels in sections of Boston where the integrity of building foundations is threatened by low groundwater levels and to make recommendations for solving the problem. Therefore, my comments are limited to groundwater related issues.

Although the PNF stated that the proposed project is located in the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD) established under Article 32 of the Zoning Code it is in fact not. Therefore, the proponent is not required to furnish the Boston Water & Sewer Groundwater Recharge Approval and no harm letters.

Despite this I applaud the proponent for acknowledging the requirement of the Boston Smart Utilities (BSU) Program, in which projects consisting of more than 100,000 square feet of floor area are required to collect site runoff of 1.25-inch of rainfall over the Project's impervious area. In addition, confirming that the project will not cause a reduction in groundwater levels on site or on adjoining lots.

Very truly yours,



Christian Simonelli
Executive Director

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