Boston Redevelopment Authority

Boston's Planning & Economic **Development Office**

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Chrystal Kornegay, Undersecretary Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300 Boston, MA 02114

Re: Sixty (60) Day Extension Request for Certain Urban Renewal Plans within the City of Boston

Dear Undersecretary Kornegay:

At a meeting on April 14, 2016, the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") voted to extend certain urban renewal plans in Boston for both (1) a short-term period of sixty (60) days, to June 29, 2016, and (2) for a longer-term of six (6) years, with a termination date of April 30, 2022. The intent of the short-term extension is to allow the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD") adequate time to review, work with the BRA, and consider the BRA's formal submission to DHCD regarding the long-term, six (6) year extension request for fourteen (14) of Boston's urban renewal plans. The BRA submitted its six (6) year extension request to DHCD on April 15, 2016. Without the short-term, sixty (60) day extension, fourteen (14) of Boston's urban renewal will expire on April 30, 2016.

Please accept this letter as the BRA's formal request to DHCD for a short-term, sixty (60) day extension of the fourteen (14) urban renewal plans. A copy of the BRA's Board Vote is attached to my April 15, 2016 letter to you. If approved by DHCD, the termination date of the short-term extension would be June 29, 2016.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the short-term extension. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-4326, or E. Renee LeFevre, General Counsel, BRA, at (617) 918-4241 with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Director

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