

Opposition to Sale of Harriet Tubman House to New Boston Ventures

marlene dupoux

Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 3:28 PM

To: michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov

Dear Mr. Sinatra and Ms. DaRosa,

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Sincerely,



I oppose the sale of Harriett Tubman House

Sumru Erkut Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 10:09 PM

To: Michael Sinatra <michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov>, Ebony Darosa <ebony.darosa@boston.gov> Cc: brian.golden@boston.gov,

Dear Mr. Sinatra and Ms. DaRosa,

I am writing to urge you to put a stop to the sale of the Harriet Tubman House by the United South End Settlements (USES) to the forprofit developer New Boston Ventures.

As you know, the Harriet Tubman House was constructed specifically as a "Community Service Center" (Land Disposition Agreement, February 22, 1974). it was created to serve the people who were displaced or negatively impacted by Urban Renewal. The majority of the people who were hurt by urban renewal and gentrification are low income people of color.

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Preserve the Harriet Tubman House

Lloyd Fillion

Sun, Nov 24, 2019 at 8:22 PM

To: michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov, ebony.darosa@boston.gov Cc: brian.golden@boston.gov

Dear Ms. Darosa and Mr. Sinatra,

I write to oppose the destruction of the Harriet Tubman Community Center (the Center) at 566 Columbus Avenue, and urge the city to acquire the building to continue the programs with which the Center has become known.

At one of the community meeting hosted by the BPDA, it became clear that the current board of the Center were overly new to their responsibilities, most having served only a few years in that capacity. That one of the board members could state that the Center was not a historic building only underscored a lack of comprehension of their charge.

It should be clear that the Center serves a function which Boston needs to support- a place where diverse individuals can seek the education, support and neighborhood relations that are critical to the life of a city. The need is particularly acute for people of Black and Brown ethnicities. As well, providing work space for non-profit organizations all dedicated to the special needs of Boston fits within the goal of both USES as well as that of the city of Boston. What the South End *does not need* are more market rate condos.

I believe it imperative that the City of Boston either purchase the building and subsidize needed renovations, or make a financial contribution to USES to enable it to preserve the extant programing, revive the programs discontinued in 2017, and make more space for a significant number of rent contributing non-profits.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Fillion



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Lisa Fliegel

Tue, Nov 26, 2019 at 1:46 PM

To: michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov, ebony.darosa@boston.gov, brian.golden@boston.gov,

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Homelessness and suicide rates are high, we need our social safety nets now more than ever. Let us as a city honor our promise to Melnea Cass and the South End residents who have lived in this community for decades!

Sincerely,

Lisa Fliegel, Special Clinical Consultant

The Louis D. brown Peace Institute



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Isabel Frankel

Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 2:42 PM

To: michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov, ebony.darosa@boston.gov Cc: brian.golden@boston.gov, Arnesse Brown

Dear Mr. Sinatra and Ms. DaRosa,

I write to express my strong opposition to the sale of the Harriet Tubman House by the United South End Settlements (USES) to the for-profit developer New Boston Ventures. I have been a resident of Hyde Park since 1988 and believe that it's important to respect the needs of the communities.

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Sincerely,

Isabel Frankel Boston resident



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Jared Katsiane

Sat, Nov 16, 2019 at 3:49 PM

To: michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov, ebony.darosa@boston.gov Cc: brian.golden@boston.gov,

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Sincerely,

Jared Katsiane South End resident



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Frances Laroche

Thu, Dec 5, 2019 at 8:35 AM

To: michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov, ebony.darosa@boston.gov Cc: brian.goldent@boston.gov,

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Jody Leader

Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 8:04 PM

To: michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov, ebony.darosa@boston.gov Cc: brian.golden@boston.gov,

Dear Mr. Sinatra and Ms. DaRosa,

As a Boston-area clinical psychologist, and as a woman of faith, I am writing to you today, urgently, to express my strong opposition to the sale of the Harriet Tubman House by the United South End Settlements (USES) to New Boston Ventures.

The Harriet Tubman House was created to serve black, brown, and low SES people who were displaced or negatively impacted by Urban Renewal. It was constructed specifically as a "Community Service Center" (Land Disposition Agreement, February 22, 1974). The proposed sale will violate the "letter of the law", i.e., the restriction placed on USES when the site was DESIGNATED (not sold) for community use. The proposed sale further violates the intent of the original plan, which was to ameliorate the damage wreaked on South End and Lower Roxbury's residents by Urban Renewal.

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I am proud of the City's recognition of Harriet Tubman as a beloved leader for freedom. Do not destroy this building, and all it represents, for luxury condos.

Sincerely,

Jody J. Leader, Ph.D. Brookline, MA



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Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 3:58 PM charlot lucien

To: "michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov" <michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov>, "ebony.darosa@boston.gov" <ebony.darosa@boston.gov>

Cc: "brian.golden@boston.gov" <bri>ston.golden@boston.gov>,

Dear Michael, dear Ebony

Coming back from attending the powerful and inspiring movie Harriet, I feel even more committed to send this letter to express my strong opposition to the sale of the Harriet Tubman House by the United South End Settlements (USES) to the for-profit developer New Boston Ventures. I have conducted business on this site in the past when it housed much needed HIV/AIDS services among others and friends and family members of mine have used space at the Harriet Tubman House to deliver valuable health services to underserved populations.

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I am proud of the City's recognition of Harriet Tubman as a beloved leader for freedom. Popular culture and the federal government are moving to further preserve her legacy through movies or memorialization on currencies. That would be unfortinate for this community institution -- as well as the services and the vision it represents – to be removed from the Massachusetts social, historical and cultural landscape for a few luxury condos.

Sincerely,

Charlot Lucien

24 Coach Lane

Norwood MA 02062



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Ginger Melton

To: michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov, ebony.darosa@boston.gov,

Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 9:38 PM brian.golden@boston.gov

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Emily Orgias

Sun, Nov 17, 2019 at 11:46 PM

To: michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov, ebony.darosa@boston.gov Cc: brian.golden@boston.gov, Arnesse Brown

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Thank you,

Emily Orgias



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Rev. Lisa Perry-Wood

Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 3:06 PM

To: "michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov" <michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov>, "ebony.darosa@boston.gov" <ebony.darosa@boston.gov>

Cc: "brian.golden@boston.gov" <bri>ston.golden@boston.gov>,

Dear Mr. Sinatra and Ms. DaRosa,

On behalf of First Parish in Brookline, I write to express my strong opposition to the sale of the Harriet Tubman House by the United South End Settlements (USES) to the for-profit developer New Boston Ventures.

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We at First Parish are proud of the City's recognition of Harriet Tubman as a beloved leader for freedom. We do not want the House -- the services as well as the vision - to be destroyed for a few luxury condos.

Sincerely,

Rev. Lísa

Reverend Lisa Perry-Wood Senior Minister, First Parish in Brookline 382 Walnut Street Brookline MA 02445 Firstparishinbrookline.org Cell Preferred pronouns she/her/hers



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Kathryn M. Rodgers

Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 4:09 PM

To: michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov, ebony.darosa@boston.gov Cc: brian.golden@boston.gov, ABrown@tenantsdevelopment.com

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Katie Rodgers

Kathryn Rodgers



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Karen Rookwood

Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 4:54 PM

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Carol Streiff Sat, Nov 16, 2019 at 2:58 PM

To: "Michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov" < Michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov >, "ebony.darosa@boston.gov" <ebony.darosa@boston.gov>

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Carol Streiff 578 Mass. Ave., South End



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Joe Tache

Mon, Nov 18, 2019 at 5:57 PM

To: michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov, ebony.darosa@boston.gov Cc: brian.golden@boston.gov, Arnesse Brown

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566 Columbus Ave

Tue, Dec 3, 2019 at 2:56 PM

To: "michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov" <michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov>

Hello,

I just wanted to follow up with you regarding the process for 566 Columbus Ave. I did see that there is a meeting scheduled for 12/9 but it is listed as an IAG/community meeting. I know that the community is still divided and people do not want to see more condos at that location.

Thank you

Tiffany