



**BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
BILL LINEHAN
PRESIDENT**

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Ed McGuire
Project Manager
Boston Redevelopment Authority
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA. 02201

Dear Mr. McGuire,

I write in support of the first two phases of the Government Center Garage Redevelopment project, which The HYM Investment Group recently submitted for design review. The two phases consist of a 480 feet tall residential building with 486 units that include 64 on-site affordable housing units and a 528 feet tall office building, both of which promise economic vitality.

Also included in these first two phases is the removal of the majority of the unsightly 2,300 space garage, including the portion that spans over Merrimac Street. This is critically important as the physical barrier that exists today will be open to daylight and it will help further connect the surrounding neighborhoods.

The overall project has been through an extremely comprehensive public review process at the City and State level. The HYM team has been responsive to the communities by conducting an open and transparent process.

As future phases of the project advance, it is important to continue to have an open conversation about the project and its impacts on infrastructure, transportation, public amenities and etc. to the residents in the surrounding communities. That said, the first two proposed phases of the Government Center Garage Redevelopment project are a tremendous step in the direction of improving the City of Boston for future generations and I reiterate my support for this project.

Sincerely,

Bill Linehan