

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Amy Boyle <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:44:49 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:44:50 AM GMT-05:00

Name Amy Boyle

Address 11 Willowdean Ave West Roxbury 02132

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

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I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

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From: John Boyle <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:50:10 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 7, 2019 8:50:10 AM GMT-05:00

Name John Boyle

Address 11 Willowdean Ave. West Roxbury 02132

Email [REDACTED]

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From: Arthur Canter <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2019 3:57:04 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 7, 2019 3:57:04 PM GMT-05:00

Name Arthur Canter

Address 106 Beech St. Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

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Subject: Stop 361 Belgrade Ave in my neighborhood!

From: "Faye L. Fu" <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED], Julie Hu <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 8:45:20 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, February 8, 2019 8:45:32 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Boston Planning & development agency and project manager Aisling Kerr,

My name is Faye L. Fu, and I reside at 703 W Roxbury Pkwy, West Roxbury 02132. I am writing to express my strongest opposition towards the proposed Roxbury Preparatory Charter High School at 361 Belgrade Ave, Roslindale in my neighborhood. This proposal will negatively impact the everyday life of people who live in this area, including especially the potential traffic issues. The proposal did not logically convince us how the traffic concerns can be addressed if this plan is permitted, and the planner's interpretation is raw, muddy and unconvinced. To this end, I strongly oppose this proposal. Please stop Stop 361 Belgrade Ave in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Faye L. Fu

Subject: comments on GBANA

From: "Maislen, Sandra" <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 11:34:01 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, February 8, 2019 11:34:03 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Ms. Kerr,

I reside at 20 Oriole Street, West Roxbury and drive to work. West Roxbury Parkway at the circle near the existing school is already a nightmare in the morning, as there are school buses and people dropping their kids off, not to mention all the commuters. Adding another 300+ students plus faculty to an already congested area will create a traffic nightmare.

I don't understand why this school isn't being placed in an area that needs development instead of an area that is already overdeveloped.

Best,
Sandra Maislen

Subject: High School at 361 Belgrade Avenue

From: "Boutelle, Terry" <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Saturday, February 9, 2019 4:41:25 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Saturday, February 9, 2019 4:41:32 PM GMT-05:00

Hello Aisling,

I am writing in support of the proposed school at 361 Belgrade Ave. near the Roslindale/West Roxbury line.

I am excited about the prospect of having a school in our neighborhood. We have lots of young families on our street, and an option for high school close by (when their children get to that age) seems a real plus for our neighborhood. I know from the lawn signs around that there are a lot of disagreements over this, and I can see why some who live in the immediate area around the school site would be concerned. But a school is a creative and forward thinking option for the space, and an investment in the future of our neighborhoods. I hope it can go forward.

Thanks,

Terry Boutelle
53 Tyndale St.
Roslindale, MA
[REDACTED]

Subject: 361 Belgrade Ave. : Oppose

From: Joe Cauteruccio <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Saturday, February 9, 2019 5:43:40 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Saturday, February 9, 2019 5:43:53 PM GMT-05:00

I oppose the 361 Belgrade Project for a high school. I support development of this site as desperately needed neighborhood seniors, empty nesters and young couples.

I and many of my neighbors oppose this project, not because of its intent, but because of the numerous negat have been discussed many times over and need not be repeated here.

Outside interests have funded a high priced campaign complete with sophisticated public relations tactics and in an attempt to impose this project on our community for the financial benefit of a suburban millionaire landc masquerading as non-profit educational organizations.

Our community streets in the immediate proximity to this site, and throughout West Roxbury and Roslindale, a high traffic volumes acerbated by suburbanites using our streets as alternative routes into downtown. The Ne which has been cited as main method of transport for this project, is among the most frequently delayed and The bus capacity struggles with heavy traffic as well, impacting on-time performance and service quality.

The applicant's plan depends upon transportation resources for traffic mitigation which they have no direct or whatsoever.

However, the most troubling part of this process to me is the behavior of the applicant. They have not exhibit the community and immediate neighborhood. After shifting commitments on financing and other conflicting i have submitted formal plans for review.

They would like everyone to view their submission as a "compromise" and "response to community concerns" the typical developer ploy of floating initial proposals that are in flagrant violation of what the site can accomr back to make them less egregious by comparison in an attempt to slide past serious issues. Additionally, their to be weak and overly dependent upon philanthropic sources making for a risky financial structure that may le struggling to construct.

I ask that you and your colleagues not approve this project.

Sincerely,

Joe Cauteruccio

27 Cerdan Ave WR

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Terri Catalfamo <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2019 1:11:30 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Sunday, February 10, 2019 1:11:31 PM GMT-05:00

Name Terri Catalfamo

Address 124 Tyndale Street Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

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Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Theodore Folkman <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2019 8:41:47 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Sunday, February 10, 2019 8:41:48 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

Dear Mayor Walsh, City Councilors, Senator Rush, and members of the BPDA,

I support the Roxbury Prep high school project at 361 Belgrade Ave., approximately 500 yards from my home. I believe that the school at that location will be consistent with the existing character of the neighborhood on Belgrade Ave. and will be an improvement over the existing, somewhat dated used car dealership. I think the school has adequately addressed concerns about transit and traffic, and I think that my predominantly-white neighborhood will send a very good message about Boston if we welcome the predominantly non-white students at Roxbury Prep to the neighborhood.

I encourage you to press for two improvements to the project. First, additional trains on the Needham Line during rush hours in both directions would be good for the students and for commuters heading into the city. Second, the concerns my neighbors and I have about parking could be addressed by adding resident sticker parking signs on nearby streets (for example, on Beech Street or New Park Ave., my street).

Thank you for your consideration. I have written a post about the project at Blue Mass Group (<http://bluemassgroup.com/2019/02/support-roxbury-prep/>).

Sincerely,
Theodore Folkman
10 New Park Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-2738
[REDACTED]

Subject: Roxbury Prep building at 361 Belgrade Ave., Roslindale
From: Edy Rees <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:44:39 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:44:41 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Ms. Kerr,

I want to go on record as being completely in support of Roxbury Prep's plans to build a new high school on the site now occupied by the car dealership at 361 Belgrade Ave.

I live about half a mile from there, on the corner of Beech St. and Havana St., directly across from the Mozart elementary school. Although there is obvious traffic at the beginning and end of each school day, we have found that parents and teachers are very respectful of our space, not parking too close to our driveway on Havana.

The underground parking spaces incorporated into the design for Roxbury Prep should ensure minimal impact to abutters.

I attended the January 30 meeting and was appalled by the ugly racism exhibited by the tiny minority who are opposed to Roxbury Prep. Although they complained that their objections were based mostly on traffic, transportation and parking, all of which were more than adequately addressed by the well-prepared presenters, I suspect their real reasons are plain old-fashioned racism. They may not even be consciously aware of just how racist they sound. But they certainly howled when other neighbors called them on it.

I heard naysayers complain that Holy Name Circle and other nearby intersections are already extremely busy at all hours of the day and evening. As a close neighbor, I travel through these intersections many times per week, at various times of day, and recently was the only car waiting for a light right in front of the proposed school site at 5:00 PM on a weeknight!

For the past month or so, I have noticed some backup around Holy Name Circle and at the intersection of West Roxbury Parkway, Beech, Anawan, etc. I finally realized it may be attributed to longer pedestrian walk lights, which we have badly needed. If we need to wait a few more seconds at a light so that old ladies like myself can hobble across the street without getting run over, I have no problem with that. If there is additional traffic once the new school is built, I have no objections to waiting an additional few minutes at these intersections.

In addition, I was completely satisfied with the transportation studies and plans that were presented. The combination of public buses, commuter rail, and some parent drop-offs seem more than adequate to meet the needs of this new school and our community.

I was particularly offended and embarrassed by the racist complaints about students standing around waiting for buses after school. These are mature, intelligent, highly-functioning young people who have already demonstrated responsible behavior, in and out of school. At the January 30 meeting, they showed extraordinary forbearance during the ugly racist declarations and repeated questions about so-called issues that had already been completely answered.

I enthusiastically welcome this beautiful new school building and vibrant community of scholars to our neighborhood. They will enrich our neighborhood in many ways, and we should be proud and happy that they chose this site for their building.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Edith M. Rees
270 Beech St., Roslindale


Homeowner here since September 2000, not going anywhere

Subject: opposition to 361 Belgrade Ave project

From: Diane Handy <[redacted]@gmail.com>

To: Aisling Kerr <[redacted]@boston.gov>

Date Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 12:50:10 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 12:50:21 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling:

We spoke briefly at the January 30, 2019 BPDA public meeting on the 361 Roxbury Prep High School project. Like many there, I never signed in at the meeting—I didn't realize there was a sheet to sign, possibly ; however, as an attendee I voiced some of my concerns about the project. My questions were not adequately addressed and I would like to address these and other outstanding concerns here. Overall, I am concerned about the enormity of this project, which will negatively impact local traffic, transportation, and parking. I am an active community member: I volunteer in the community and I shop in the community. Anawan, Belgrade, and the West Roxbury Parkway are important roadways for my work commute as well as my activities in the community. These major streets, as well as nearby secondary roads, will be adversely affected by this project.

Since the Project proponents could not do a thorough study of the streets in the area it is my duty as a resident to provide information to you. The project is on Belgrade and is bordered by the West Roxbury Parkway and Anawan Ave; Anawan is being co-opted as a drop off and driveway for the project; and West Roxbury Parkway forms a triangle with Belgrade and Anawan. Belgrade and Anawan provide important routes to traverse safely across or onto the West Roxbury Parkway. West Roxbury Parkway is a major commuting route from West Roxbury, Roslindale, Hyde Park, Dedham, etc, to Boston, Newton, Brookline, etc. Changing the flow of traffic on these streets will impact the area tremendously leading to gridlock, and increasing traffic in local neighborhoods as commuters frantically search for ways to get around the gridlock.

This project not only brings a large number of commuters to the area, it is a school. School hours dictate a strict schedule. Although there may be more scatter at the end of some days due to after school activities, local roadways, transportation systems, and sidewalks will have to accommodate the en masse movement of 625 or so people (students and staff) at set times of arrival and dismissal, which correspond to peak traffic times. As a person who works across from a BPS public high school (that is well serviced by MBTA buses and green/orange line trains), I can tell you that the rush of cars dropping off/picking up students combined with MBTA buses creates an unbelievably chaotic situation. After school and special events are even worse, as public transportation isn't always an option.

At the meeting, I questioned the Project organizers about the mass movement of commuters at the school. According to the project's projection 75% of the students (about 420) will be taking the local buses. And according to Roxbury Prep school literature "Roxbury Prep Roslindale will be located just a few hundred feet from the Bellevue Commuter Rail stop, and will be within yards of bus lines 35, 36, 37 and 38." Note: three of these lines use the same bus stops on Belgrade and the 38 uses a stop on Belgrade and the West Roxbury parkway. Unfortunately the closest, or "yards away" stops are all on the other side of the West Roxbury Parkway from this project. When I asked about this at the meeting I was told that students will likely use other stops (rather than these closest stops). However, the literature about the Roslindale Roxbury Prep High School project indicates that two bus monitors will be present at the closest bus stops on the far side of the West Roxbury Parkway. At some point, even the project proponents considered that use of these closest bus spots will require careful supervision. Overall, the large influx of commuters to this triangle of three major intersecting and busy streets will be problematic.

Parking is another issue that will adversely affect nearby residents, shoppers and businesses. At the January 30thBPDA meeting the project planners suggested that they may have to secure other parking for events held on site. (On site parking will be difficult to navigate, as it includes valet parking in the surface lot and/or tandem parking in the garage.)

The supporters for this project have placed a heavy emphasis on calling this a neighborhood school (see <https://www.roxpreproslindale.org> for how the school is being presented to the community). In the

BPDA project submission “This proposal has many important and unique characteristics. Most significant is the creation of a new charter high school facility to serve not only existing students from several Boston neighborhoods, but also increasing number of students from Roslindale and nearby West Roxbury neighborhoods.” However, given the large numbers from Roxbury Prep feeder middle schools, it will be difficult for any student not already in this charter school system to gain admittance (by lottery).

The building will take up much of the frontage along Belgrade Avenue. In fact, this enormous building exceeds the floor to area ratio for the district and also exceeds the height limit. This building will fill the site and dominate the local landscape. The proposed building is approximately 50% smaller than the original proposal; however, the student population is reduced by only 30%, increasing student density. Lacking completely are outdoor fields for sports, recreation, and fitness. The building size, the overcrowding, and the lack of outdoor space are all negatives.

Finally, at issue is the overall impact of this project. Some project proponents equated this project to the Holy Name Parish School—but that school is over 60 years old! 60 years ago traffic was light, and there wasn’t a nearby school 0.3 miles down the road (the distance of the current project to the established Holy Name School). My strong opposition is due to the scale and size and density of this project. I support responsible urban planning and am against this and any other large and densely populated project at 361 Belgrade Ave.

Thank you for considering my opposition.

Sincerely yours,

Diane Handy
218 Stratford Street
West Roxbury

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location

From: Mary D'Amore <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 6:19:26 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 6:19:27 PM GMT-05:00

Name Mary D'Amore

Address 43 Rexhame St Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

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Subject: charter High School Belgrade Avenue

From: Anne Conroy <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED], Chrissy <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 9:28:33 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 9:28:43 AM GMT-05:00

I am totally against this project. The traffic on Belgrade and the Parkway in the morning and when people are coming home from work is crazy. - adding a school is not going to help matters.

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Stuart Miller <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 9:18:22 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 9:18:22 AM GMT-05:00

Name Stuart Miller
Address 29 Montvale St. #1 Roslindale 02131
Email [REDACTED]
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Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Michael Zagami <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 9:54:40 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 9:54:40 AM GMT-05:00

Name Michael Zagami

Address 22 Guernsey Street Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

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Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Deidre Cummins <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 11:05:58 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 11:05:58 AM GMT-05:00

Name Deidre Cummins
Address 346 Belgrade Ave. West Roxbury 02132
Email [REDACTED]
Message Hi there,

I am opposed to this project as a neighbor who lives directly across from the proposed site. My husband and I both work in public high schools and have a deep understanding of the impact a school can have on a neighborhood. One of the reasons that we are opposed to the project is the number of people who will be served in the small physical space. I worry about the impact on traffic with the big addition of cars, foot traffic, and additional mbta usage (already packed!).

Another concern is related to outdoor space for the students who attend the school. It seems that there are plenty of bigger lots available for a project such as this, and I wonder why another location is not considered deeper.

As a public school employee, I wonder why more resources and funding are not going to Boston Public schools to serve the community as a whole. I am opposed to the charter school system.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Dear Rep Coppinger, Senator Rush, Councilor O'Malley;

I already filled out the GBANA contact group email online submission form that is routed to the elected officials and everyone else involved with the BPDA. I wanted to email my OPPOSITION directly also.

This email is for our household's OPPOSITION to the new Roxbury Prep school being built at 361 Belgrade Ave, West Roxbury. This includes myself, Tom Rowley, Katherine Rowley, and Patricia Rowley. Our address is 33 Clement Ave, West Roxbury, MA and we live in the immediate area of 361 Belgrade Ave.

IMPORTANT INFO for mandatory reason to oppose and deny moving forward with building the school:

#1) The school should be OPPOSED and never allowed to go forward anyway due to the law REQUIRING 200 square feet per student and that site would have less than 90 square feet per individual. Based on this, it should be automatically disapproved.

#2) I was told that people who worked for the city offered them the parcel of land where the old, former STATE HOSPITAL GROUNDS that is located between WALK HILL ST, MORTON St, American Legion Hwy, and Harvard Ave is available and was offered to Roxbury Prep officials previously to build school there.

*THE ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD FOLLOW UP ON THIS WITH THE BPDA AND ROXBURY PREP OFFICIALS. Also, make sure the BPDA IS FULLY AWARE OF #'s 1 and 2.

Best Regards,
Tom Rowley

Subject: Support for 361 Belgrade Avenue

From: Bridget Marquis <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 10:40:56 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 10:40:58 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling and Councilor O'Malley,

As a resident of West Roxbury (2 Ruskin Street), I am writing to voice my support of Roxbury Prep project at 361 Belgrade Avenue.

I attended tonight's public meeting and find the project to be a good example of transit oriented development that is very much needed in Boston, especially in the West Roxbury neighborhood.

The traffic and safety concerns voiced by some residents seem to reflect the neighborhood's general lack of adequate pedestrian, bike and transit infrastructure, which all need to be improved. Rather than creating projects that encourage more driving, we must consider the desired future for our neighborhoods - places less dependent on cars that are more environmentally sustainable. Adjacent investments in bike lanes, wider sidewalks and bus shelters would serve both residents and students, alike.

I would also urge the project team to consider the greenest and most people-friendly solutions for the site. For instance adding to the site's tree canopy in the courtyard/overflow parking area and considering how that can best be used as a public space by both students during school hours and residents during off hours. Copenhagen has some great examples: <http://buildabetterburb.org/copenhagen-green-city-green-parking/>. Creating a beautiful pocket park/plaza would be a great addition to the community in a part of the neighborhood that currently is dominated by autos.

In addition, I would encourage the school to consider how it might serve neighborhood children, while also serving a citywide population. Is there an avenue for putting into place a policy that 20 percent of students come from a 1-mile walk shed? I'm a firm believer in socioeconomically mixed schools benefiting all students and this seems like one way to both increase the diversity of the student body and encourage a stronger neighborhood-school relationship.

I'm encouraged that with projects like Roxbury Prep, West Roxbury will become a denser, more vibrant neighborhood.

And accolades to the team for keeping tonight's meeting respectful. It was a challenging room, but managed very well.

Kind regards,
Bridget Marquis
2 Ruskin Street
West Roxbury

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Support for Roxbury Prep
From: Chris Norris <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 4:52:15 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 4:52:22 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Ms. Kerr,

I wish to be recorded in support of the Roxbury Prep application to build a charter high school at 361 Belgrade Avenue. I have lived in West Roxbury for 16 years, and I take the Needham Heights train to and from work every weekday. The commuter rail is a reasonable transportation alternative for high school students as can be seen daily. I believe that the developers have made significant concessions in response to "concerns" raised by certain neighbors. Unfortunately, it appears that nothing short of withdrawing the application would appease many who have weighed in. That is an unreasonable request, in my opinion, and therefore, I encourage the BPDA to recognize the importance of this school and the students it serves as well as the work that has been done based on feedback received and to approve the application. If there is continued concerns regarding parking and driving, then I would recommend that the BPDA condition the approval on the school prohibiting cars, except for those able to fit within the lot as designed, perhaps assigned spaces, and then, if the condition is violated to repeal the permit.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Christopher T. Norris
20 March Avenue
West Roxbury, MA 02132

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Bridget Marquis <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:52:42 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:52:44 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep High School's project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale. These high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over five miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve, with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new building will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Bridget Marquis
2 Ruskin St West Roxbury, MA 02132-1812
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Tim OLeary <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:07:24 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:07:24 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Tim OLeary
60 Day St Boston, MA 02130-1111
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: John Meier <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:07:56 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:07:56 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
John Meier
587 E 4th St Apt 3 Boston, MA 02127-3023
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Alan Wright <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:08:53 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:08:53 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

I agree that the school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

The complaints about supposed traffic congestion from opponents are without merit and hypocritical. Most of the rush hour traffic is from people outside of Boston cutting through west Roxbury, as is their right to do. We know that students will take the commuter rail from the experience of Catholic Memorial. And, we know that school crossings can be accommodated from the experience of Holy Name. The opposition to change is shameful.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Alan Wright
98 Birch St Roslindale, MA 02131-3010
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Mark Bauer <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:10:28 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:10:28 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am a Roslindale resident and frequently travel through the Belgrade/Parkway/Anawan intersection. I attended the Roxbury Prep community meetings sponsored by the Boston Planning and Development Agency on January 30 and February 13, and listened intently to the discussions.

It is clear that traffic and mass transit load will increase in the area immediately around the school at certain times during the day. Compared to having a vacant car dealership there, what else is to be expected? Any development of that site, including condos or apartments, would also increase traffic. After all, as one community member commented, it's Boston.

To provide a viable school building for this excellent high school is part of our social commitment as a community—to provide for the next generation. We have done so for decades building both public and charter schools. Social commitments have to be placed in someone's "backyard."

Why this particular project is being scrutinized so exceedingly carefully is open to debate. As was mentioned, Holy Name School causes substantial delays in commute times through that area—and yet Holy Name is considered part of the community and people accept the disruption. Themes of race whirled below the surface of the discussion and emerged at times with the least provocation. That does not mean that the opposition is racist, or that proponents are playing "the race card." What is clear, however, is that a vocal segment of the West Roxbury and Roslindale populace political and community power have rallied to a remarkable extent to fight the placement of Roxbury Prep at 361 Belgrade—the "Stop 361 Belgrade" banners hanging in the neighborhood are ample proof of that.

And yet we have a commitment to provide for our next generation. Where racism is unarguably an issue is not in the actions or feelings of individuals present last night, but in our history and in the institutional and structural residue of centuries of racism in our society, including here in Boston. Opponents in a neighborhood of plenty (or at least adequacy) like West Roxbury and Roslindale have the wherewithal to commit their time and their intellectual and monetary resources to fighting for what they want. Disadvantaged people of color, whose children make up the vast majority of Roxbury Prep's student body, often work multiple jobs or are unable to get to places off public transit lines (like 7 VFW Parkway where the discussion was held). They do not have the same ease and capability as the middle and upper classes—and yet as your staff saw, they came in droves to last night's discussion.

It is the mandate of the BPDA to be good stewards of our resources to benefit the residents of our great city. This means working to level the playing field after centuries of explicit racism and its structural residue.

Do not take too seriously the squeaky wheels whose traffic time will likely increase—a bit—as it will for all of us. It's in the public interest to permit Roxbury Prep to build at 361 Belgrade. Yes, in my backyard!

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mark Bauer
29 Sycamore St Roslindale, MA 02131-3647

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Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Shelly Rambo <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:10:53 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:10:53 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I live in Roslindale near the proposed Roxbury Prep high school project. I think the project benefits the whole neighborhood, and I trust that you will support the school proposal.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

Witnessing the opposition, I am concerned that concerns about traffic are a veiled way of keeping high school students from the area. Under the auspices of 'traffic,' certain views of race can operate. I do not want this to represent the spirit of my neighborhood. Many of us want education to thrive--for all- in the City of Boston.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Shelly Rambo
11 Congreve St Boston, MA 02131-1913
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: David Holzman <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:11:25 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:11:25 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community. We live in a beautiful, diverse community and I'm eager to share our good fortune with others!

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
David Holzman
603 South St Apt 1 Roslindale, MA 02131-1701
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Xiomara Calderon <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:15:23 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:15:23 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Xiomara Calderon
76 Radcliffe Rd Hyde Park, MA 02136-6022
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Elizabeth Shinzawa <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:17:24 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:17:25 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Shinzawa
47 Bradwood St Roslindale, MA 02131-2721
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Todd Wyner <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:23:54 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:23:54 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I OPPOSE Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has NOT gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion INADEQUATELY. The location at 361 Belgrade will NOT give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will NOT be an asset to both the students and the community.

This project is a tragedy waiting to happen. May he rest in peace, teenager Nick Scaringello from this neighborhood of Roslindale, died tragically late one weekday afternoon in June 2008. HE WAS THE VICTIM OF A TRAIN IMPACT WHILE WALKING THE TRACKS WITH HIS HEADPHONES ON. He never heard the train coming. I witnessed his remains that day at the Belleview train station. Never again, I implore you. You cannot continue to push more residents, commuters, and businesses with addressing fundamental environmental issues: 1. An open, unguarded train crossing 2. A bridge repair (West Roxbury Parkway at Belgrade Avenue) that is dragging on with little-to-no communication to the neighborhood residents.

I ask for your REJECTION of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Todd Wyner
18 Allenwood St West Roxbury, MA 02132-2048
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

From: Katina Tsongas <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:18:07 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:18:09 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Katina Tsongas

57 Hewlett St Boston, MA 02131-1509

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Amanda Lukens <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:18:02 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:18:03 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Amanda Lukens
53 Westbourne St Roslindale, MA 02131-3326
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Luke Sutherland <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:17:25 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:17:25 PM GMT-05:00

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I have been impressed with the thought and attention given to responding to community concerns. I ask for your support of this project so that I can welcome Roxbury Prep High School to the Roslindale and West Roxbury community. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Luke Sutherland
419 Belgrade Ave Unit 2 West Roxbury, MA 02132-1548
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Eddie Doctor <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:27:51 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:27:51 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The current Roxbury Prep High School is split in two sections of the city. Roxbury and Hyde Park.

I have lived in Roslindale for more than 25 years and have a teenager daughter currently in Roxbury Prep middle school. Who is looking forward to attending Roxbury Prep High school in her Roslindale neighborhood and getting the full high school experience.

I ask for your support of this project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Eddie Doctor
30 Starbird Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-3137
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Erin Doherty <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:27:46 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:27:46 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

After searching for years for a permanent home, Roxbury prep found a location in Roslindale (which currently does not have a high school). The school site is sorely in need of redevelopment, and contains a car dealership and auto repair. The school will be well fitting with other recent and planned developments along Belgrade Ave.

The school has worked hard to meet community concerns about the project, reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community. Roslindale deserves to have a high quality high school in the neighborhood.

Also, I will note that I live within the area covered by the GBANA "neighborhood association". This group does not reflect the opinion of the neighborhood, and appears to have been created solely to oppose this project. They should not be viewed as speaking for the neighborhood.

Please support this project. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Erin Doherty
211 Roslindale Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-3322
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Eileen Duggan <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:28:27 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:28:27 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Eileen Duggan
25 Pierpont Rd West Roxbury, MA 02132-1104
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: laurie arnone <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:30:14 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:30:15 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

And, I doubt there could be worse traffic with this school than a business. It would be limited to bus and pedestrians. These students will likely spend money in the local businesses. I think this idea is a win-win situation for west roxbury and roslindale, and especially for these kids who should be able to interact with their peers in the same school/building!

Sincerely,
laurie arnone
52 Zeller St Roslindale, MA 02131-1411

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Rosemary Onofri <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:31:59 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:32:00 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

I currently work at Roxbury Prep and it is amazing to see the lives it touches. Roxbury should be welcomed in any community, but especially this one because it can give our students the safety and community vibe they deserve.

Please help build this dream for the future of Boston.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Onofri
15 Bennett St Brighton, MA 02135-2702
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Sardhis Ortiz <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:32:53 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:32:54 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sardhis Ortiz
705 Shawmut Ave Roxbury, MA 02119-2028

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jeanne Reis <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:33:28 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:33:29 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jeanne Reis
15 Colbert St West Roxbury, MA 02132-1239
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Elizabeth Maher [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:35:57 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:35:57 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am a Roslindale resident in support of Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback, an indication that they will be a good neighbor and an asset to our community. I look forward to the energy and vibrancy that the students and faculty will bring. The design and scope of the building will enhance the neighborhood and area businesses can only benefit from the school bringing Boston residents from other neighborhoods in to Roslindale and see what else we have to offer. Traffic of course is an issue but is a citywide problem that requires solutions outside of blocking this project.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Maher
807 South St Roslindale, MA 02131-2439
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Elizabeth Sherva <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:38:18 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:38:19 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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Those who are opposing this project are NIMBY's. They feel that this part of the city is their own and they shouldn't have to do anything that would benefit the City as a whole.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Sherva
34 Hemman St Boston, MA 02131-4534
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Lisnarda Chalas <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:44:39 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:44:40 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Lisnarda Chalas
950 Canterbury St Apt 3C Roslindale, MA 02131-4753
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Elana Wolkoff <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:46:40 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:46:41 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Elana Wolkoff
9 Denton Ter Roslindale, MA 02131-4112
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Rachel Young <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:52:31 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:52:32 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am a strong supporter of Roxbury Prep and I hope you are hearing from your staff who attended yesterday's hearing that there are many others in the community who feel likewise. We value education, and welcome the school. We don't believe minor traffic concerns should jeopardize the proposed Rox Prep project.

Furthermore, we feel that the school has shown itself to be an eager community partner, having made many significant revisions to the school design in response to neighbors' feedback.

Thank you for sending your representatives to the public hearings. Please listen to your constituents and support the school.

Sincerely,
Rachel Young
47 Tyndale St Roslindale, MA 02131-2303
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Celdra Allen <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:23:50 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:23:51 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Celdra Allen
158 Aldrich St Roslindale, MA 02131-2753
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

From: Renee DeKona <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:26:09 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:26:10 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Renee DeKona

603 South St Roslindale, MA 02131-1701
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Vicky Seelen <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:28:38 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:28:39 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Vicky Seelen
58 Fletcher St Roslindale, MA 02131-1918

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Bridget Trimmer <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:53:32 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:53:33 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Bridget Trimmer
59 Elm St Apt 2 Charlestown, MA 02129-2421
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: David Trimmer <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:54:01 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:54:01 PM GMT-05:00

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
David Trimmer
59 Elm St Apt 2 Charlestown, MA 02129-2421
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Cassandra Velazquez <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:54:19 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:54:19 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I couldn't attend the meeting last night but want to restate my support for Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school talked, listened and readjusted the plans to answer community concerns. I think they have gone beyond the concerns that some members are opposing.

Please support this project! If you do not support this project, I expect you will share your concerns with me via email. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Cassandra Velazquez
77 Augustus Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-4215
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Wiley Cox <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:00:12 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:00:12 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. I feel they have more than answered the concerns of the community opposing this proposal, and that complaints at this point have become just NIMBY obstructionism. We deserve a great school in our neighborhood. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Wiley Cox
48 Bradfield Ave # 1 Roslindale, MA 02131-1934
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Erik Kunz <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:13:11 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:13:12 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

I have reviewed the revised plan and got a sense of the work that's gone into it. I have followed this project for some time and have been relieved to see that some of the initial opposition has quieted down and that most of what I have heard has been in support of this project. Roslindale is a wonderful community with several great public schools and charter schools. Roxbury Prep will be a positive addition to the community.

I was at last night's meeting with my wife and children. It was clear to me in that room last night that the majority of people were for the project, even though the first commenter during the QA session claimed to represent the "silent majority" in the community. But I think we all know that anyone using the term "silent majority" is not talking about being silent or representing the majority, certainly not in Boston. I also didn't hear anyone in the opposition mention what's best for the kids, which is what I think we should be focused on.

Through my work at City Fresh Foods in Roxbury, I deal with Roxbury Prep and I know how hard the teams at those schools work and how dedicated they are to providing high-quality education to the kids who go there. Even though my Wife and I are very grateful that our Son has had a great experience as a young BPS-student, we support charter schools and see a stronger Boston with highly-functioning public and charter schools. I see Roxbury Prep and other charter schools doing a lot of good in the community for a lot of kids. I think that the City should be focused on supporting the best possible and most well-rounded educational experience for all school kids in Boston.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Erik Kunz
32 Fletcher St Roslindale, MA 02131-1916
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Judith Dahn <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:16:07 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:16:08 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Judith Dahn
74 Wrentham St Dorchester Center, MA 02124-3828
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Tracy Fitzpatrick <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:22:37 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:22:37 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

We don't have any affiliation with the school but do support improving educational options in Boston and think that having this school as part of our community will be beneficial to all.

We have managed the growth of apartments, housing and retail, we can certainly accommodate a school. The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion.

We hope to welcome Roxbury Prep High School as part of the Rozzie/West Roxbury community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Tracy Fitzpatrick
68 Garnet Rd West Roxbury, MA 02132-1319
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Scott Bortolotto <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:24:06 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:24:08 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

The City of Boston is encouraging more housing, meaning more families and students. While you may be opposed to Public Charter Schools, clearly the parents of students find the enormous benefit to them as a proven way to give their children the tools they need to succeed after high school. Roxbury Prep has the reputation to deliver just that, where so many of the BPS have failed. They need a nice new building, and the site at 361 Belgrade is just the place. I'm a direct abutter, within just a few feet of the building. I want this school in my neighborhood. Traffic has been a problem before this project was proposed, and adding a couple of cars before rush hour traffic will not add to that congestion.

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Scott Bortolotto
10 Rhoda St West Roxbury, MA 02132-1227
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: nicholas pieri <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:06:37 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:06:38 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
nicholas pieri
89 Durnell Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-2908

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: David McFerrin <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:10:53 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:10:54 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

After searching for years for a permanent home, Roxbury prep found a location in Roslindale (which currently does not have a high school). The school site is sorely in need of redevelopment, and contains a car dealership and auto repair. The school will be well fitting with other recent and planned developments along Belgrade Ave.

The school has worked hard to meet community concerns about the project, reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community. Roslindale deserves to have a high quality high school in the neighborhood.

Also, I will note that my family lives within the area covered by the GBANA "neighborhood association". This group does not reflect the opinion of the neighborhood, and appears to have been created solely to oppose this project.

Please support this project. Thank you!

Sincerely,
David McFerrin
211 Roslindale Ave # 2 Boston, MA 02131-3322
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Robin Pelletier <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:16:29 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:16:29 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

As a resident of Roslindale and a teacher in Boston Public Schools, I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I do not find the objections voiced by some neighbors to be sincere, and I do not believe that the school's existence would congest the nearby streets. I have driven at that rotary and on Belgrade at that time of day for decades. The Roslindale/West Roxbury community should welcome a diverse student body and a well performing school to their neighborhood.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Robin Pelletier
119 B Grew Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-4678
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Gena Mavuli <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:20:44 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:20:45 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I fully and completely support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale. And you should also.
This is a fantastic opportunity for those of us raising children in Roslindale.

As a resident living nearby, I am disgusted at the opposition. The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Gena Mavuli
70 Fletcher St Roslindale, MA 02131-1918
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Kayla Armando <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:35:48 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:35:49 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

As a former teacher at Roxbury Prep, I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale. I was a teacher at Roxbury Prep for many years at their Mission Hill campus. The student culture and engagement in education is vibrant there. Our students deserve the continue that great education at a high school in one location. Currently I coach the Roxbury Prep High School basketball team, and those students often say how culture feels great at one school, but not the other due to a lack of student leadership. In order for this school to create great staff and student culture it needs to be in one building. Freshman and Sophomores need upper school Seniors and Juniors to set the tone for them. I know that this school can continue being successful in one location and I know that this location should be in Roslindale. Currently Roslindale does not have a facility like this and having it replace an older cite would be amazing for the area. As a veteran working in schools I know how much a space like this can bring to a community. The Roslindale community would be able to use the large indoor spaces, like the gym, for many community events.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Kayla Armando
16 Halifax St Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-4307
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Marie Claude Bernard <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:49:58 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:49:58 PM GMT-05:00

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Marie Claude Bernard
19 River Street Ter Apt 2 Hyde Park, MA 02136-3722
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Elizabeth Mejia <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 5:25:23 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 5:25:24 PM GMT-05:00

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Mejia
101 Codman Park Roxbury, MA 02119-1305
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Rukia Juma <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 5:44:53 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 5:44:54 PM GMT-05:00

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Rukia Juma
340 Centre St Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-1204
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Lori Deane <[REDACTED]>
To: aisling.kerr@boston.gov
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 5:51:47 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 5:51:49 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

I have attended both the January and February meeting and I am disappointed in how my fellow neighbors have reacted and responded to the school members, architect, and traffic advisor. It is frankly a disgrace. The hate, the disrespect, and the fear campaign they have fostered is truly embarrassing. Last night at the meeting they tried to paint a picture that all the elected officials are opposed to this plan. They talk about the traffic and congestion. They voice their concerns about these students "wandering around the streets of their neighborhoods" after school. I have two BPS students. Both contribute to congestion in our local neighborhoods. I, along with @ 15 other cars descend on the Wren Street neighborhood at 6:30 in the morning to send my son to BLS. At 9:15 I brave Centre Street to send my daughter to school at the Lyndon. Yes, it is crowded and congested, but it is short lived. The reality and difference for Roxbury Prep is that there won't be students driving to school. There won't be 500 kids being dropped off by mom or dad. They will be coming by bus or train. The benefits of this school for those children and our community at large so outweigh the inconveniences. The reality is if this school doesn't come to WR another condo building with cars will which will be coming in and out of Belgrade. The hateful message coming from these voices in my neighborhood is that they don't want these kids in their neighborhood. They are hiding behind traffic concerns but that is the sad truth. By you going along with them you are sending the same message. This school will be an asset to our community. The building proposal is beautiful. We will have a partner in the neighborhood we can turn to to use the gym and cafeteria space. They will bring energy and life to that otherwise dead and ugly corner. They will be a good school option for children in WR and Roslindale. I urge you to really listen to the proposal by the school and by other neighbors like me and my family who welcome this school wholeheartedly. Please!

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Lori Deane
17 Meredith St West Roxbury, MA 02132-2004
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Randi Laufman <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 5:58:43 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 5:58:43 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I fully and exuberantly support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale and look forward to welcoming them to my neighborhood!!!!!!

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Randi Laufman
52 Montvale St Roslindale, MA 02131-2752
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Nicholas Leeke <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 6:31:08 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 6:31:08 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Nicholas Leeke
389 Cambridge St Allston, MA 02134-2042
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Ariel Bruni <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 6:39:28 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 6:39:29 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will benefit students who deserve a single school building, and a community that will have a thriving and accessible space in a previously underdeveloped lot.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Ariel Bruni
64 Day St Apt 1 Boston, MA 02130-1111
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Gladi Jackson <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 6:58:20 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 6:58:21 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Gladi Jackson
620 Norwest Dr Norwood, MA 02062-1483
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jean Krasniw <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 7:21:39 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 7:21:40 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jean Krasniw
108 Pond St Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-2746
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Edith Rees <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 7:31:16 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 7:31:16 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Edith Rees
270 Beech St Roslindale, MA 02131-3331
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Neema Njakale <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:14:30 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:14:31 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Neema Njakale
398 A Poplar St Boston, MA 02131-4648
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Haley Goodman <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:16:22 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:16:23 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Haley Goodman
21 Burnham St Somerville, MA 02144-1601
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Haytham Khalifa <[REDACTED]@comcast.net>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:24:13 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:24:14 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Haytham Khalifa
21 Justinian Way Unit D Brighton, MA 02135-1359
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: michael shor <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:37:42 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:37:43 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I have lived in Roslindale for 36 years which by Boston standards still makes me a new comer. All three of our children attended both public and charter schools and all were fortunate enough to attend and graduate from BLS. And all have chosen to remain in the neighborhood within a 15 minute walk of center street...one is a boston fire fighter, one a nurse practitioner at childrens and the third teaches second graders at the Renaissance School in Hyde Park. Yes, by any current standard a full Boston. We were indeed fortunate that our kids did get into Latin. Had that not occurred our local affordable options would have been very limited for a non-religiously affiliated education.

I had the unpleasant opportunity to attend some of the initial meetings and found myself both ashamed and shocked at some of the very clear undercurrents that were expressed. The ugly old Boston showed up as well as those that expressed concerns about the size of the proposed student body and the parking situation. As one who commutes the rotary at 8 am I was surprised that no one seemed to address that congestion and the risk to the grade schoolers who attend every day. A bit of hypocrisy or something we have all gotten used to. The bottom line is a high school in Roslindale fills a very real gap for a community option. The support among young families in our neighborhood and from the professional educators I speak to is also quite high. There will be exceptional pressure against this school. It is my hope that as our elected leaders you will make your decision based on the city we should be and not on the provincial interests of the obstructionists.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
michael shor
134 Beech St Roslindale, MA 02131-2716
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Diana Starke <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:56:00 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:56:01 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

As a Roslindale resident, I fully support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Diana Starke
312 Poplar St Roslindale, MA 02131-4327
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Sophia Baez <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:23:50 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:23:51 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sophia Baez
101 Brent St Dorchester Center, MA 02124-2466
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Karen Mejia <mejia.karen@cityofroxbury.com>
To: aisling.kerr@cityofroxbury.com
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:36:12 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:36:14 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Karen Mejia
308 Fairmount Ave Hyde Park, MA 02136-3904
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Sara Colon [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:36:18 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:36:18 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

As a Roslindale homeowner and Roxbury Prep college counselor who lives about a half-mile from the hoped-for site, I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue.

Our school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body as well as the square footage of the building, the facilities team and our board have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and human congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade, currently a building underutilized and going into disrepair, will give our Boston students the educational facility they deserve in which to continue building a thriving school community with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and as well as the 35, 36, 37 and 38 bus lines. This new school building will be an asset to both the students and the community, and our presence in the community will bring thriving energy and customers to local business.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sara Colon
41 Newburg St Roslindale, MA 02131-2806
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Sarah Riemens <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:43:54 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:43:55 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

Dear Councilors,

As a teacher, parent, and resident of Boston; I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sarah Riemens

48 Parkton Rd Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-1706

[REDACTED]

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location

From: John Lally <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:25:54 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:25:54 AM GMT-05:00

Name John Lally

Address 108 Ardale Street Boston 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: John Kalaitzidis John Kalaitzidis [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:14:34 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 4:14:34 PM GMT-05:00

Name John Kalaitzidis John Kalaitzidis

Address 148 Beech St. Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

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Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: robert patten [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:51:56 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:51:57 PM GMT-05:00

Name robert patten

Address 34 Iona street Boston 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

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Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location

From: Louis Murray <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 10:00:28 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 10:00:29 PM GMT-05:00

Name Louis Murray

Address 60 Manthorne Rd. West Roxbury 02132

Email [REDACTED]

Message I will actively work against the politicians that force this project upon our neighborhood. I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Lou Murray

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Deanna Vasilakis [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 10:37:08 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 10:37:09 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

Dear Elected Officials,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

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I ask for your support of this project. The students deserve it. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Deanna Vasilakis
9 Greybirch Rd Andover, MA 01810-3270
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jared Smith <[redacted]>
To: [redacted]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 10:48:02 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 10:48:03 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jared Smith
1340 Commonwealth Ave Allston, MA 02134-3923
[redacted]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Dave Santucci <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 11:13:38 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 14, 2019 11:13:40 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Dave Santucci
70 Sanborn Ave Apt 2 West Roxbury, MA 02132-3837

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: PETER HOLLADAY [REDACTED] >
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 5:15:15 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 5:15:19 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
PETER HOLLADAY
9 Denton Ter # 2131 Roslindale, MA 02131-4112
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Rachel Stern [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 7:36:39 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 7:36:40 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Rachel Stern
16 Fuller St Brookline, MA 02446-2499

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Heather Cohen <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 7:38:21 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 7:38:22 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

Additionally, I went to the two meetings recently to hear the concerns of the community of West Roxbury and Roslindale. Most people are concerned about sitting in traffic for an extra minute or two on their commute. The traffic in this area is already bad and adding our school will not make a significant difference. I urge you to put the desperate need for a high school for our students so they can get the quality education they deserve, over an inconvenience that is barely noticeable. Our kids are the future, that is what we should be prioritizing.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Heather Cohen
13 Highland Park Ave Roxbury, MA 02119-1438
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Micayla Gifford <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 8:51:43 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 8:51:44 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Micayla Gifford
65 Baxter St Boston, MA 02127-2537

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Molly Robson <mollyrobson@tyndalest.com>
To: aislingkerr@rosindale.com
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 8:58:14 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 8:58:15 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Molly Robson
113 Tyndale St Roslindale, MA 02131-2318

mollyrobson@tyndalest.com

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Andrew Kerr <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 9:27:36 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 9:27:36 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Andrew Kerr
81 Spring Park Ave Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-4428
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Hank Layfield <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:01:43 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:01:43 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Hank Layfield
74 Albano St Roslindale, MA 02131-3017
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Marisa Gifford <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:10:03 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:10:05 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Marisa Gifford
589 Essex St Lynn, MA 01901-1027

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Amy Wyeth <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:11:34 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:11:35 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

My wife and I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale. We feel that the neighborhood would benefit from a school - schools raise property values and educate children!!! And nearby residents who have a child at the school will be able to be involved in the school due to its proximity - parent involvement in a school is always a positive. Our son could be a potential student at this school (depending on when it is built).

While I have not attended hearings, I know that some residents feel that traffic is an issue of concern. My understanding is that most BPS students take the MBTA to school and are provided with a subsidized T pass so they can do this. As you know, the Bellevue commuter rail stop and at least three major bus routes go right by the proposed location. I commute regularly through this location, and find it to be pretty unremarkable as far as traffic goes, even with the commuter rail stop right there. Our understanding is also that the school has attempted to address expressed traffic concerns, by reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building

We believe that this new school will be an asset to both the students and the community and ask for your support of this project. Looking forward to hearing back from you. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Amy Wyeth and Gina Quilty

Sincerely,
Amy Wyeth
83 Woodard Rd West Roxbury, MA 02132-2727
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Cynthia Bates [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:16:40 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:16:41 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I want you to know that support the proposed Roxbury Prep High School project at 361 Belgrade Ave in Roslindale.

The school has been sensitive to community feedback by reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building to address two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students a consolidated campus with good access to public transportation via the commuter rail and bus lines.

I believe that Roxbury Prep will be an asset to the Parkways community and ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Bates
1532 Centre St Apt 3 Roslindale, MA 02131-1908
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Brooke Hilliard <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:17:01 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:17:01 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Brooke Hilliard
16 Wendeller St South Boston, MA 02127-3532
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Emily Arlauskas <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:55:04 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:55:04 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Emily Arlauskas
6 Linden St South Boston, MA 02127-2949
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Casey Collins <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:59:03 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:59:04 AM GMT-05:00

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Sincerely,
Casey Collins
14 Rangeley St Dorchester Center, MA 02124-5204
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: JoAnn Gifford <joann.gifford@cityofboston.com>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 11:22:18 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 11:22:19 AM GMT-05:00

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Sincerely,
JoAnn Gifford
65 Baxter St Boston, MA 02127-2537

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Hannah Arlauskas <hannah@cityofboston.com>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 11:49:35 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 11:49:35 AM GMT-05:00

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Sincerely,
Hannah Arlauskas
6 Linden St South Boston, MA 02127-2949

[REDACTED]

Subject: 361 BELGRADE AVE - OPPOSITION

From: LYNNE TODD <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 11:55:12 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 11:55:14 AM GMT-05:00

TO: Aisling Kerr, BPDA Project Manager, Brian Golden, BPDA Director, Martin Walsh, Mayor, Matt O'Malley, City Counselor, Tim McCarthy, City Counselor, Michelle Wu, City Counselor, Michael Flaherty, City Counselor, Annissa Essaibi- George, City Counselor, Althea Garrison, City Counselor, Angelo Scaccia, State Representative, Ed Coppinger, State Representative, Mike Rush, State Senator

Since the comment period on 361 Belgrade Ave is ending on 02/22/19 I am reaching out to all of you again.

This project is NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS SITE. How this has ever gotten so far is amazing and it is clear the city and our elected officials are not listening to their constituents.

Sitting in on community meetings in regards to this proposed site for Roxbury Prep it becomes more apparent that this about big business /political deals more than anything else. These meetings take time and actual community members who live in this neighborhood want their voices heard. Instead we have to sit through hours of listening to students, parents, and teachers who are not residents. That is not the point of a community meeting. I would not go to Dorchester, JP etc etc and think I should have a voice in what happens in their neighborhoods.

We had to listen to these parents, teachers, and students tell us our concerns about "traffic" and "smog" were not valid because this "is the city". Well our Mayor describes West Roxbury a bit different. Please all refer to West Roxbury cityofboston.gov. Our Mayor describes our neighborhood as "A friendly suburban community in Boston". Now residents who live here, pay HUGE taxes here, raise their families here are being demonized for wanting to preserve our suburban community in Boston.

We heard from supporters who live in other neighborhoods in the city that have multiple schools and how they "just deal with it" - the difference is these schools were already in these neighborhoods for decades - so it was the community they chose. I specifically chose the neighborhood of West Roxbury 10 yrs ago because of it's "suburban vibe with its tree lined streets and single family homes" (again... I quote cityofboston.gov).

I have had the unique experience of being a home owner and a former resident of the neighborhood of Roxbury Prep's original school on Mission Hill (0.5 miles from my house) and now I am residing in West Roxbury with this new proposed site 0.4 miles from my current home and residence. When this school came to Fisher Ave I did not oppose the school - this site is 0.5 miles from my house. It is placed on Fisher Ave - NOT A MAJOR INTERSECTION / NOT A SITE THAT CONSIDERABLY CHANGED THE NEIGHBORHOOD with congestion (pedestrian and vehicle) , traffic, "smog" (as the supporters say). So listening to supporters tell the crowd that the West Roxbury residents are not for schools or educating children -is RIDICULOUS AND LAUGHABLE. This is Massachusetts not a third world country. This is about a building project that is too big for this site. If AMAZON wanted to build there and bring 600 + people daily, it again would not be an appropriate site.

Many of us understand Charter Schools and how they operate. While saying they are non profit does not mean that they do not make money. Every dollar that goes towards a student does not go to stockholders - kind of an adversarial relationship don't you think? This argument though is not about charter schools but rather the big business (\$\$\$\$) behind them. They have endlessly deep pockets that YOUR CONSTITUENTS don't. That's why in this county, we rely on our elected government officials to protect their constituents.

I am asking all of you to do your job and listen to your constituents and DO NOT ALLOW ROXBURY PREP TO BE BUILT ON THIS SITE. There is ALWAYS another site - we all know that. Uncommon Schools will find another place to land and will go on happily. If you allow this into our neighborhood - there is no un- ringing the bell. The residents who live here will have their neighborhood changed in a negative way forever.

Sincerely

Lynne Todd

105 Stratford Street

West Roxbury, MA 02132

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: John vanMelle <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 12:14:28 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 12:14:28 PM GMT-05:00

Name John vanMelle

Address 640 W Roxbury Parkway Roslindale, MA 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Carol Mostow <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 12:24:52 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 12:24:53 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am a neighbor and voter and SUPPORT the Roxbury Prep high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave in Roslindale . I attended this week's meeting regarding the reduction in building size and student numbers and other attention to neighbors' concerns. I certainly respect immediate abutters questions but am impressed with the efforts made by the school to address them, coordinate and optimize existing public transportation , travelling against the majority of rush hour traffic, etc.

It is essential for you to know that the group that formed to oppose this school and continues to do so, does NOT represent our neighborhood and community or speak for the rest of us. I understand and sympathize with the discomfort that comes from some of the changes that have already come to the community including rising housing costs, traffic, etc but disagree that the solution is to prevent a public high school from moving here or that does anything to "save our community" .

I was also disappointed in you, our public officials , not to hear any leadership articulating the public good. What makes a community vital? It is not another high priced condo building in a community without a public high school but a community that comes together to embrace our city's children and make sure everybody receives a high quality education. While my passion on this subject means I prefer public schools to funding another charter school, that is not the issue here. This charter and school already exist in crowded and inadequate facilities but filled with committed families and teens who care enough about their futures to come to the meeting and speak about what this means to them. I support all kids and families committed to getting the best possible education they can, whether it's from our public schools, parochial schools or this existing public charter school.

My parents and grandparents grew up and lived in Boston and I moved back to the area over 40 years ago in my 20's. I want you and our community to do what the neighbors on my Roslindale street did when my husband and I bought and moved into our first and only house, welcoming us warmly 30 years ago. The neighbors on our street were mostly older, living alone in their homes after raising their children , and were excited to see a new family take root and raise our daughter here, recognizing the need to regenerate the vitality that they had enjoyed all their lives. Some of them had been born and raised here themselves, others had emigrated from Greece , Lebanon and elsewhere, finding a welcoming community here, and all of them were wonderful neighbors. I found the same to be true in Roslindale Square , from Lebanese Droubi Brothers, Tony the Italian butcher, Hope and Peter from the Greek fish market, and to the staff from Sullivans who would ask how my daughter was after getting antibiotics . Diversity , relationships and a welcoming and inclusive community are what make Roslindale special.

Now my husband and I are the approaching the age of our original neighbors and I understand their commitment and investment in the next generation. Million dollar condos do not maintain and renew the soul of a community the way that a school embraced and integrated into a community does. I am delighted that many of the new school families and teachers already live in the neighborhood but I welcome those who come from other parts of the city as well. I have worked across the city in most of the neighborhoods including in schools, clinics and hospitals and recognize that the future of Boston requires that all of our youth are engaged , embraced and educated to take on the responsibilities that await them , to be involved citizens, skilled

,productive and creative workers, devoted parents, and dedicated leaders who will keep our city and community great. .

I ask for your support of this project and look forward to your reply soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Carol Mostow
50 Penfield St Roslindale, MA 02131-2441

~~mostow@gmail.com~~

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jimmy Doan <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 12:45:19 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 12:45:20 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am a resident of West Roxbury and live just around the bend from 361 Belgrade Ave, the site of the proposed Roxbury Prep High School. I am writing to share my full support of this project and urge you to do the same. There is nothing that this community needs more than to welcome a high-performing school into our neighborhood. The opportunity to welcome nearly 600 high performing students and teachers opens many doors for our neighborhood to be revitalized further - for empty store fronts to see new life, for children in our neighborhood to have a new home, and for new families to have another reason to be drawn to the area.

All of the positive that comes from this school far exceed concerns of traffic. As citizens of a growing city, we have to accept the fact that traffic is inevitable. Boston is no longer what it looked like 20+ years ago - we need to all accept that. The additional time it takes during our morning and afternoon commutes is significantly less important than our future, which is in the hands of the students who will attend this school and call it home. I strongly urge you to not consider the loudness of the voice from the opposers of this project but weigh heavily the more important principles of education, access, and diversity as you consider your stance on this project.

I welcome the opportunity to speak with you about this project and look forward to seeing your support of the project help contribute to it's approval.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Doan
419 Belgrade Ave West Roxbury, MA 02132-1548
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jen Parks <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 1:44:20 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 1:44:21 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

As a 9-year Roslindale resident and parent of two elementary school students (who currently attend the BPS Charles Sumner School in Rosi Square), I wholeheartedly support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The more opportunities there are for Boston students to receive high-quality high school educations and experience those years in state of the art facilities where they can interact with all of their peers, the better. The small inconveniences that abutting neighbors seem so concerned with really feel very petty when you look at this through a wider lens, and realize that this is a project that will make Boston a better place over time.

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jen Parks
52 Penfield St Roslindale, MA 02131-2441
[REDACTED]

Subject: Opposition to proposal for Roxbury Prep

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 1:57:51 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 1:57:55 PM GMT-05:00

I am opposed to the 361 Belgrade Ave project proposed by Roxbury Prep. I am a homeowner who has lived on Belgrade Ave for over 30 years. The volume of cars, congestion and parking issues are already a problem on this street. At one end of Belgrade Ave there is West Roxbury Parkway and at the other end is Roslindale Square. In the morning and afternoon there is a bottleneck of traffic at both end of the street. I live a couple of blocks up from Roslindale Square and every weekday between 3&5 in the afternoon the traffic trying to get through Roslindale Square is backed up pass my house. Adding to this, there is also a problem on this street with parking due to commuters using Belgrade Ave to park their cars during the day so they can avoid paying a fee at the commuter Rail Station in Roslindale Square. Adding over 500 students commuting back and forth will result in a gridlock of traffic that will make living and commuting on Belgrade Ave unbearable on a daily basis. Barbara Sullivan
Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Julian Villegas <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 2:17:51 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 2:17:52 PM GMT-05:00

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Sincerely,
Julian Villegas
37 Walden St Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-1232

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Waverly Scurlock <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 2:24:29 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 2:24:29 PM GMT-05:00

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Sincerely,
Waverly Scurlock
200 Hancock St Apt 28 Boston, MA 02125-2168
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Christine Bortolotto <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 2:28:49 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 2:28:50 PM GMT-05:00

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Sincerely,
Christine Bortolotto
10 Rhoda St West Roxbury, MA 02132-1227
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Julia Korn <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 2:53:29 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 2:53:30 PM GMT-05:00

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In addition, any remaining dissenters seem to believe that their morning or afternoon commute is more important than providing an education for our students. I say "our students" because every single student is ours, as the city of Boston. There is no reason that any one person's discomfort or lack of desire to listen to an extra song on the radio (Bonus!) is somehow more pressing or relevant than building a centralized, updated, and relevant school for tomorrow's leaders.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Julia Korn
55 Devon St Apt 6 Boston, MA 02121-2738
[REDACTED]

Subject: 361 Belgrade Ave

From: Maureen Mccarthy <[REDACTED]>

To: Aisling.Kerr@Boston.gov

Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 3:11:53 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 3:11:55 PM GMT-05:00

I live off the WR Parkway near Centre St and the rotary by police station. I walk my dog daily on WR pkwy and I can tell you that the Pkwy is one long line of cars going back to vfw pkwy with cars coming from Brookline and Newton. It is unbelievable how busy that area which leads right into Belgrade Ave is at 2:00-2:30 every day with commuters. What is unbelievable is how early it starts. The proposed school is really preposterous for that area. What is wrong with the old closed west roxbury high?

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Cathryn Cook <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 3:58:00 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 3:58:00 PM GMT-05:00

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Sincerely,
Cathryn Cook
46 Harriet St Brighton, MA 02135-2140
[REDACTED]

Subject: A school that needs a home and the need for our neighborhood to welcome and educate all children; our future depends on it

From: Carol Mostow [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]
Elugardo [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 4:09:50 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 4:10:02 PM GMT-05:00

I am a voter and neighbor of Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed for 361 Belgrade Ave in Roslindale and SUPPORT the amended proposal. I attended Wednesday evening's meeting regarding the reduction in building size and student numbers and other attention to neighbors' concerns. I certainly respect immediate abutters' questions but am impressed with the efforts made by the school to address them, coordinate and optimize existing public transportation, travelling against the majority of rush hour traffic, etc. As a reminder, the current lot is an abandoned car repair and tire shop; the question is not whether development will happen, it is what kind it will be.

It is essential for you to know that the group that formed to oppose this school and continues to do so represents only themselves, NOT all of our neighborhood and community and does NOT speak for the rest of us. I understand and sympathize with the discomfort that comes from some of the changes that have already come to the community including rising housing costs, traffic, etc but disagree that the solution is to prevent a public high school from moving here or that does anything to "save our community".

I was also disappointed in our public officials and those who sent representatives to the meeting, not to hear any leadership articulating the public good. What makes a community vital? It is not another high priced condo building in a community without a public high school but a community that comes together to embrace our city's children and make sure everybody receives a high quality education. While my passion on this subject means I prefer public schools to funding another charter school, that is not the issue here. This charter and school already exist in crowded and inadequate facilities but filled with committed families and teens who care enough about their futures to come to the meeting and speak about what this means to them. I support all kids and families committed to getting the best possible education they can, whether it's from our public schools, parochial schools or this existing public charter school.

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Now my husband and I are the approaching the age of our original neighbors and I understand their commitment and investment in the next generation. Roslindale High School where our daughter's Parkway soccer coach attended, now houses much needed and welcome senior housing as well as provides needed community meeting space but there is no high school within our community. Million dollar condos do not maintain and renew the soul of a community the

way that a school embraced and integrated into a community does. I am delighted that many of Roxbury Prep school's families and teachers already live in the neighborhood but I welcome those who come from other parts of the city as well. I have worked across the city in most of the neighborhoods including in schools, clinics and hospitals and recognize that the future of Boston requires that all of our youth are engaged , embraced and educated to take on the responsibilities that await them , to be involved citizens, skilled ,productive and creative workers, devoted parents, and dedicated leaders who will keep our city and community great. .

I ask for your support of this project as well as leadership that inspires us to embrace all of Boston's children and their families as our own and recognize that the future of our city depends on this. Thank you!

Carol Mostow . Roslindale, MA

Subject: 361 Belgrade

From: dan wrox <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 4:15:09 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 4:15:19 PM GMT-05:00

Hi Aisling,

I am writing to ask that BPDA not move forward with the Charter School at 361 Belgrade for the following reasons:

1. a high density building with over 500 people traveling to/from every day will exacerbate an already major problem at the Holy Name Rotary. Traffic backs up there to the point where Centre Street and WR Pkwy are both locked up.
2. One of the students who stood up to speak said she was looking forward to a Single location and the ability to play soccer at the school etc. yet there are no sport options within a reasonable distance.
3. I was crossing from the 361 side of the intersection across Belgrade to walk toward Washington street and there is no walk indicator after 3 light changes and me pressing the cross button. There is a walk indicator to cross WR Pkwy but then when you try to cross Belgrade to head toward Anawan, there is no cross indicator on that light either. The lights will need to be modified to support crossing indicators and add more delays/back ups. In fact the police cannot exit their parking area now due to back ups at the rotary which adds more potential problems for the local community.
4. Last, but not least, the Peak Events will result in parking on Center Street and all the other side streets, Holy Name, etc and impact what has become a very social area in WRox with West on Centre, Porter Cafe, Himalayan Restaurant, and the other smaller businesses to be negatively impacted. WRox already lost the bowling complex to the USPS building, along with associated parking cut by 50%, so another parking impact is not fair in this area. If only half the students parents showed up for Parent/Teacher night that could be as many as 300 vehicles. They would need another several floors of parking to support anything close to that.

I appreciate the challenging work you do for the city and welcome a charter high school, but not in a location that will be very problematic right from the start. As a 20+ year resident living several blocks away from the school, I hope you will take these points into account.

Best regards,
Dan Walsh

[REDACTED]

Subject: Stop 361 Belgrade in Roslindale!

From: Will Hu <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 4:22:15 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 4:22:28 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Maneger Aisling Kerr,

My name is William Hu, and I reside at 703 W Roxbury Pkwy West Roxbury MA 02132. I am writing to ask the Boston Planning & Development Agency to stop the proposed charter high school at 361 Belgrade in Roslindale because this project will extremely and negatively impact to the people who live in this area in many ways, including the size of the proposal, transportation, safety and general life quality and more. The facts have clearly indicated that the planners could not provide with the legitimacy on this proposal during the public comment period, and have failed to convince the neighbors living in this area.

To safeguard the neighbors who live in this area, please stop 361 Belgrade in Roslindale!

Thank you,

William Hu

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Nancy Horowitz <nancyhorowitz@comcast.net>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 5:36:27 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 5:36:27 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to express my support for the construction of a new building for the Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. I attended the public hearing Wednesday night at the Annunciation Melkite Cathedral. I was satisfied that most of the neighbors' concerns about the size of the school and the impact on traffic had been addressed and that school officials were committed to continuing to work with neighbors on remaining concerns.

While I am not generally a supporter of charter schools, Roxbury Prep is an existing school community in need of a new home. After exhaustive investigation, it's staff, students, and representatives have chosen Roslindale to be that place. Many of us who live here are committed to Roslindale being a welcoming and inclusive community. We therefore welcome the students and families of Roxbury Prep to 361 Belgrade Avenue.

Perhaps our voices have not been heard as loudly as the voices of those who oppose the school. Know that they do not speak for the many residents of Roslindale who feel strongly that all of Boston's children are our own.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Nancy Horowitz
21 Fletcher St Roslindale, MA 02131-1915

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Tamara Simmons <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 5:40:06 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 5:40:06 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Tamara Simmons
57 Currier St Mattapan, MA 02126-1362
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Dana Lehman <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 7:49:04 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 7:49:05 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Dana Lehman
52 Kittredge St Roslindale, MA 02131-3503
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Sarah Rocha <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 9:51:33 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 15, 2019 9:51:34 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale. I hope you will too.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sarah Rocha
47 Atwill Rd West Roxbury, MA 02132-2527
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Andrew Deane <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 4:25:47 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Saturday, February 16, 2019 4:25:49 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Andrew Deane
17 Meredith St West Roxbury, MA 02132-2004
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Dave Hinchin <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 9:13:10 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Saturday, February 16, 2019 9:13:10 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I live in Roslindale and commute each day to West Roxbury. The traffic patterns along Centre Street there are annoying to say the least. The new school might have a bit of a hit on traffic, but probably not as bad as some opponents make it out to be. In any event, I can live with that since this school would be such a gift to WRox/Roslindale and is badly needed by the kids. I attended one of the listening/questioning sessions and was very impressed by the presenters.

Should this school not come to Belgrade, it would be a great loss to our community and to the kids who need one school. Most likely, high rise, expensive condos would come there instead and still contribute to traffic problems.

Please lobby to make this project happen. Don't listen to the angry few. Work to come up with traffic solutions which are needed anyway.

Dave Hinchin

Sincerely,
Dave Hinchin
31 Fairview St Roslindale, MA 02131-1627

[REDACTED]

325 Park Street
West Roxbury, MA 02132
February 15, 2019

Boston Planning & Development Agency
Brian Golden, Director
One City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Director Golden:

This is in reference to the proposal to build Roxbury Prep Charter High school, at 361 Belgrade, Avenue, on the Roslindale/West Roxbury line. While I appreciate the need for Roxbury Prep to build a permanent high school, I strongly believe that the chosen site is not suitable for a project of this magnitude.

As a lifelong resident of Boston, I have resided in West Roxbury for all but 6 of my 72 years, and have owned my home since 1973. Much has changed in these 46 years, most especially, the congestion caused by significant increases of traffic. One need not be a traffic flow expert to notice the back-up of vehicles (especially at peak morning and afternoon commuting times) on the West Roxbury Parkway, between Washington and Centre Street, as well as from Putterham Circle in South Brookline to Centre Street, on LaGrange Street from the VFW Parkway to Washington Street, on Centre Street from Holy Name Circle to the VFW Parkway, as well as from Putterham Circle in South Brookline to Centre Street. There probably are equal back-ups on Belgrade Avenue, as well. The drive from my home on Park Street to access the West Roxbury Parkway, via Woodard Road, is often delayed, where I sit waiting for a considerate driver to let me in, crossing two lanes of traffic if I need to go left toward Holy Name Circle. This is true, no matter what alternate route I might try.

Much of this traffic is clearly caused by the drop-off/pick-up/pedestrian foot traffic at Holy Name School, the Lyndon School, Catholic Memorial Schools, VA Hospital, 2 day care facilities, and all the motorists looking to cut through on their way to and from work. My neighbors and I have been observing this for the past several years, and can't help but think that the Roxbury Prep project will just exacerbate an already imposing traffic situation, which will undoubtedly be magnified during the months of construction and the necessary construction vehicles, as well as once the project is completed. As the proposal states, "The Project is expected to generate approximately 262 vehicular trips on a typical school day, with 53 staff trips entering the school in the morning and exiting the school in the afternoon, and 39 vehicles completing pick-up/drop-off maneuvers during both the weekday a.m. and p.m. peak hours."

Even though the school leaders have worked earnestly to address the traffic-flow concerns, I worry for the safety of those students who decide to ignore such admonitions, and who may decide to visit the business section of Centre Street, ignoring the need to cross safely by waiting for the dense traffic to slow. Just recently, a woman was killed in West Roxbury, reportedly crossing outside of cross walks. I also know, first hand, as the one who was in charge of the buses at my school, that things very often do not go according to plan.

Please note that I, personally, attended Boston Public Schools (BPS), and my daughter is a graduate of Boston Latin School (BLS). Now retired, I taught students with severe learning and behavioral disabilities, in BPS, for 35 years. The need for quality education for all students is truly one of my personal beliefs, but the location chosen by Roxbury Prep is, in my opinion, inadequate.

Having attended inner-city schools, with no accommodations for outdoor sports, I am too familiar with the inconvenience of traveling to other locations to practice and play team sports. My daughter and her swim team had to travel from Boston Latin School to the Murphy School in Dorchester because there was no swimming pool at BLS. When West Roxbury High School was built, the students finally had a high school campus that was in line with the 21st century. Roxbury Prep deserves the same. Unfortunately, the complex that housed Urban Science Academy and West Roxbury Academy will now be razed for safety concerns.

In their proposal, the applicants cite a minimum of 5 areas for which they will need to apply for variances, and others where they anticipate they will need waivers, as well. I can't help but be dismayed by the fact that even before they develop the property, they are anticipating non-conformance to existing zoning and environmental regulations. This would set a bad precedent, should these future requests be met.

Approximately 32% of West Roxbury and about 25% of Roslindale residents are ages 55 or over. Many of them are retirees who raised their families, here, for many years. When it comes time to downsize, they would love to stay in the area, but rental and condominium property is often out of their reach. Several new housing facilities are being completed from Belgrade Avenue, to Centre and Spring Streets. The property at 361 Belgrade Avenue would much better serve the needs of the community if it were to be used for affordable housing that is close to public transportation, rather than to a facility that will have a negative impact on the quality of life because of the increased traffic, one that will serve only a small amount of neighborhood families, and one that is equal to the type of facility these students deserve.

I urge you to deny approval of this proposal

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Janey Frank

Cc: Boston Planning & Development Agency--Aisling Kerr, Project Manager
Mayor-- Martin J. Walsh

City Councilor—District 5, Timothy McCarthy

District 6, Matthew O'Malley

At Large, Michelle Wu, Annissa Essaibi-George,

Michael F. Flaherty, Althea Garrison

MA State Senator—Michael Rush

MA State Rep.—Edward Coppinger, Angelo Scaccia, Nika Elugardo

Other Supporters:

James H. Frank	James H. Frank	325 Park Street	02132
Colum A Whyte	Colum Whyte	102 Westmoor Rd	02132
Alice M. Yong	Alice M. Yong	37 Cowing St	02132
Robert P. Carroll	Robert P. Carroll	96 Marlboro Rd.	02132
Mimi Fong	Mimi Fong	319 Park St West Rox	02132
Jane Mackenzie	Jane Mackenzie	71 Tenmyson St West Rox	02132
DAVID MCKENZIE	David McKenzie	71 Tenmyson St W. Rox	02132
Daniel Gullyher	Daniel Gullyher	319 Park St West Rox	02132
Pedro Arias	Pedro Arias	334 Park St. W. Rox.	02132
MARIA C. ARIAS	Maria C. Arias	334 Park St. W. Rox.	02132
ELIZABETH ARIAS	P.A. Pedro Arias	65 Addington Rd W. Rox.	02132
Thomas Pagliuolo	Thomas Pagliuolo	65 Addington Rd. W. Rox.	02132

Subject: Roxbury Prep High School

From: Janey Frank <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 9:37:00 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Saturday, February 16, 2019 9:37:11 AM GMT-05:00

Attachments: 361 Belgrade Avenue.docx

Dear Ms. Kerr,

Thank you for the work you have done at the neighborhood meetings about the Roxbury Prep High School proposal. Although I did respond, initially, by email, I have since read the entire proposal and attended the last 2 community meetings.

The attached document, which I have forwarded to Brian Golden, as well as to a number of elected officials, outlines some of my and my neighbors' concerns.

Thank you, again, for your professional handling of this issue.

Sincerely,

Janey Frank

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Adam Finelli <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 10:37:35 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Saturday, February 16, 2019 10:37:36 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

My name is Adam Finelli and I am a classroom paraprofessional working with 6th graders in Brookline, a resident of Tyndale street in Roslindale and a small business owner who works in media production. I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale. MA.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Adam
(www.adamcamera.com/videography-services/)
[REDACTED] Mobile
[REDACTED] Office
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,
Adam Finelli
89 Tyndale St Roslindale, MA 02131-2325
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: John Edgerton <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 10:45:51 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Saturday, February 16, 2019 10:45:51 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I'm writing to express my strong support for Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

I've been impressed by the thoroughness of their presentations. And in response to community concerns, they seriously changed the scope of the project in order to be a good neighbor.

This is how the community feedback process is supposed to work. Neighbors have concerns, and those are taken into account for the final design.

Will this cause traffic problems? At the presentation this week, a very reputable firm's study showed that this would increase my commute time—by a few seconds.

This is a good school, and top notch buildings are needed for top notch schools. This will make our community better—good schools are good for everyone.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
John Edgerton
55 Redlands Rd West Roxbury, MA 02132-1506
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Heather Upshaw <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 10:46:56 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Saturday, February 16, 2019 10:46:57 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Heather Upshaw
55 Redlands Rd West Roxbury, MA 02132-1506
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Mark Destler <[REDACTED]>
To: aisling.kerr@boston.gov
Date Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 11:30:12 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Saturday, February 16, 2019 11:30:13 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

As a Boston educator (in charter and district schools since 2000), resident, and parent (my son just turned two), I am excited to have more excellent schools in the city and in my neighborhood.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mark Destler
35 Sherwood St # 2 Roslindale, MA 02131-3729
[REDACTED]

Subject: Roxbury Prep

From: Glen Giovanucci <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 4:03:45 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Saturday, February 16, 2019 4:03:57 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Senior Government Leaders:

The area where the plan is to put Roxbury Prep at 361 Belgrade is not a good idea. You do not want to have students there for two reasons:

1. The size of the lot
2. The traffic and speed of traffic

Lot

I cannot understand why we as Boston residents would want to waste money building a school on such a small lot. There would be no room for expansion and it would be a waste of the considerable funds it would take to turn it into a high school. I drive by ten locations in the city every day which would be better options because of the openness, where students have space and enjoy the safety of high school. This is a dangerous area and is always congested by train foot traffic

Danger

It is a dangerous area because I live close and know. The West Roxbury Parkway is an important road for commuters in an out of the city all day long. I personally have almost been hit twice crossing the intersection of the Parkway and Belgrade Ave and I worry every day when one of my kids heads in that direction to get on the train.

This is a really bad idea and I hope you decide not to allow this proposal to pass.

Thnaks

Glen Giovanucci
17 Kenneth Street
West Roxbury

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: beth weinberg <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 10:15:07 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Saturday, February 16, 2019 10:15:09 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
beth weinberg
41 Bournedale Rd Boston, MA 02130-4601
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: William Young <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2019 8:40:18 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Sunday, February 17, 2019 8:40:19 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

I grew up in Westie, graduated from BLS, live two blocks from the proposed development. Commute through the Holy Name circle daily.

The current proposal is far better than the existing car lot, and would place a new public high school in Roslindale for the first time in decades. It's also preferable to the most likely alternative development—more housing.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I'm extremely disappointed that our elected officials have failed to address the merits of the issue. Concerns about traffic are unpersuasive without specific analysis of the effects of alternative development. And, of course, when traffic standards are applied only to specially disfavored projects.

Nor are concerns raised about the school's underlying program persuasive. Their instructional style will not vary significantly if they remain in their present substandard homes, or if they consolidate to digs that are appropriately heated, cooled, etc.

Nor are concerns about state reimbursement. The number of students isn't changing as a result of the location of the school's proposed building. (By all means, fix the chapter 46 formula. Don't make children suffer to do it.)

Surely you understand that if the school does not get this site, it will take another. Probaby in a less mass-transit accessible location, with greater effects on overall Boston traffic. And, of course, in a less-enfranchised part of the city. That's not fair.

To be very blunt: young affluent progressives like me will continue to vote long after the project's most vocal critics have ceased to do so. This will be a permanent factor in our voting. I'm in the city precinct with the highest voter turnout in the last election. And I intend to use that to urge policies that benefit all residents of my city.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,
William Young
47 Tyndale St Roslindale, MA 02131-2303
[REDACTED]

Subject: 361 Belgrade Avenue

From: Barbara Sullivan <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2019 10:54:20 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Sunday, February 17, 2019 10:54:23 AM GMT-05:00

Hello,

I am writing to express my serious concerns for the proposed school to be located at 361 as a longtime resident of Belgrade Avenue.

First, I commute to work daily and have to drive through the intersection of Belgrade and West Roxbury Parkway between 7:00am and 7:30am each day. I can tell you that there is a constant backup for the morning and evening commutes with cars constantly blocking the intersection. This isn't just once or twice a week, it's everyday! The area around the Holy Name rotary is so bad that if for some reason I have to travel near that area I will find an alternate route. Washington street is even worse. I can't believe that anyone from this project has taken any time to study this and with the proposed number of students taking the T etc...this is unbelievable to me that this is a serious consideration. You will have trucks making deliveries double parking causing even more backups and traffic. The traffic on Belgrade for the evening commute is so bad now that it can take me 15-20 min from the 361 area to get to my house on the lower end of Belgrade.

Secondly, because I live near the commuter rail stop we have a serious parking problem on Belgrade, as well as some side streets. Commuters park at my house and my neighbors everyday and I've come home to no parking and having to drive around weekly. I also know from friends who take the commuter rail in West Roxbury that now that they've gone up on their parking rates they are moving down to our area to park. This also includes folks who work at Roslindale Square. They also park in our area. A car repair shop near me uses the area around my house as their personal parking lot. I've called Boston 311, Area E and local councilors and nothing. No help.

I was not able to attend the last meeting but my family member was and I find it discouraging that no city councilor from our area was there and most of the supporters of this school do not live in Roslindale.

This site cannot accommodate this school. I really hope this is reconsidered and there is another viable site. The homeowners of this area do not deserve this!

Thank you,
Barbara Sullivan

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Barbara Sullivan <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2019 11:13:11 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Sunday, February 17, 2019 11:13:11 AM GMT-05:00

Name Barbara Sullivan

Address 96 Belgrade Avenue Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Owen Linders <~~owenlinders@overseasjournal.com~~>
To: ~~Aisling.Kerr@msd.org~~
Date Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2019 11:25:16 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Sunday, February 17, 2019 11:25:17 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Owen Linders
1078 South St Roslindale, MA 02131-2317

~~owenlinders@overseasjournal.com~~

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Beth Bauer <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2019 5:26:48 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Sunday, February 17, 2019 5:26:50 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I live in Roslindale and strongly support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in my neighborhood.

The school has worked hard to respond fully to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. Approximately 90 percent of students attending Roxbury Prep use public transportation to get to school, so concerns about traffic and sufficient parking for hundreds of vehicles are overblown.

This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community. Many who attended the most recent hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 13th voiced their support for this project, citing their appreciation for quality public education and for neighborhood diversity.

Opponents of this project have been vehement and vocal but do not necessarily represent the majority. I ask you to stand up and support quality public education and neighborhood diversity by choosing to support Roxbury Prep's relocation to 361 Belgrade Ave. . I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Beth Bauer
29 Sycamore St Roslindale, MA 02131-3647
[REDACTED]

Subject: Roxbury Prep
From: Kathleen McKeown <kemckeown21@gmail.com>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2019 6:06:22 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Sunday, February 17, 2019 6:06:49 PM GMT-05:00

Hello

As a direct abutter (16 Rhoda Street) , I am against having a school in my backyard. The parcel is too small, the train station is too small. This is short term fix and doesn't seem to have any room for growth. If we had a choice, we would not have a school in this location. Roxbury Prep or other.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Hearn and Kathleen McKeown

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: lorie spencer <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 10:53:57 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, February 18, 2019 10:53:58 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines.

This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I personally welcome the diversity that the school would offer to our neighborhood. I live within view of the proposed school and have been appalled by the divisive rhetoric that this project has produced. I believe the fear of other races invading the W. Roxbury Bellevue Hill and surrounding areas is the bias that has underpinned such opposition.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
lorie spencer
77 Guernsey St Boston, MA 02131-2316
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Aileen Montour <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 1:06:14 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, February 18, 2019 1:06:15 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I have been a resident and homeowner here in Roslindale for over 20 years and I strongly support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale. I live less than a mile from the proposed site and have neighbors on my street whose children are getting an excellent education at Roxbury Prep high school.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

We should be welcoming and supportive of all our students - Roslindale IS for Everyone.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Aileen Montour
16 Liszt St Roslindale, MA 02131-4016
[REDACTED]

Subject: Regarding 361 Belgrade Avenue

From: Boyi Wong [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 1:57:29 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Monday, February 18, 2019 1:57:40 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I'm writing to you today to express my opposition towards the proposed charter school that will be built at 361 Belgrade Avenue. As someone who lives adjacent to the plot of land, it is my concern that having a school built in that location will prove to be very difficult to the neighborhood in the future. Some of my biggest concerns include the increase of traffic in the area and the safety of both residents and students and faculty at the school. Being someone that walks around the area a lot, crossing the street, which is an act that seems so simple, is extremely hard to do with all the cars and buses that speed down Belgrade Ave. With how it is now, the addition of cars and school buses coming and going, and the addition of teachers and students walking around the area, will only make the area more hectic, unsafe, and inconvenient for people who are already dealing with this everyday chaos. I couldn't imagine the amount of vehicles and people that would crowd the area in the morning and afternoon.

I'm a student who is often coming and going as well and commuting is something I struggle with a lot, along with my mom and one of my sisters who also commute by public transit in the morning. According to the information I've received, the street I'm living on will be used as a kiss and ride where students will be dropped off in the morning and picked up in the afternoon by parents and by school buses. Sometimes it's hard to even cross to the other side of the street because cars use our street as a shortcut to speed down. My dad also drives my sister to and from school everyday and already many cars that aren't allowed to park on our street or right off our driveway or in front of our house are there anyway and makes it impossible for my dad to even get the car out of our own driveway. People who pass by our house also regularly litter on our lawn and throw thrash in our backyard and I'm not sure I feel safe with having a large amount of people in front of my house everyday. This might seem like a personal problem but this occurs to our neighbors as well.

I really hope that by expressing my concerns that there will be consideration in potentially moving the location of the charter school so that our neighborhood and its people may stay safe.

Thank you,
BoYi Wong
Massachusetts College of Art and Design 2020

Subject: Voicing my support of Roxbury Prep HS at 361 Belgrade

From: Jess O'Connor <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 3:25:07 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Monday, February 18, 2019 3:25:10 PM GMT-05:00

Good afternoon,

I live at 171 Lagrange Street, in the neighborhood of Bellevue Hill in West Roxbury. I'm voicing my support for the proposed HS at 361 Belgrade. There are too few high quality public high school offerings in Boston, and even fewer in the West Roxbury area. I have confidence that the organization will manage the space to minimize impact on the community, and am disappointed that the public has been misled into believing that this will be a negative influence on the area.

Thank you for your time,

Jess O'Connor

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Jarrid Meaney <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 4:34:35 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, February 18, 2019 4:34:36 PM GMT-05:00

Name Jarrid Meaney
Address 187 beech st Roslindale 02132
Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Laura Pattison <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 9:10:11 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, February 18, 2019 9:10:13 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

I attended the hearing last Wednesday, 2/13/19. All sides were heard, from condo abutters to students currently attending Roxbury Prep.

I understand the concerns about traffic because I frequently travel via Belgrade to the rotary or to West Roxbury Parkway via Beech St. Traffic is an unfortunate fact of life in Roslindale, West Roxbury and throughout Boston. We need to improve public transit-subway, buses and commuter rail-rather than say no to a school because of traffic.

I think that the school has made every effort to respond to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Laura Pattison
130 Cornell St Roslindale, MA 02131-4526
[REDACTED]

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Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Laura Catanzaro <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 9:10:55 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, February 18, 2019 9:10:56 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep’s high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale. This is a very good strategy in urban planning for our neighborhood. The architecture is compelling, and right-sized, and the building will become something of a landmark in our district. When an area revitalizes, of course there are growing pains involved, such as parking issues. But this type of growth is what makes a city great and a neighborhood work. The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

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130 Cornell St Roslindale, MA 02131-4526
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

From: Theresa Okokon <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 11:55:13 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Monday, February 18, 2019 11:55:15 PM GMT-05:00

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Sincerely,

Theresa Okokon

35 Manning St # 2 Boston, MA 02131-3914

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Emily Seaman <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:16:16 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:16:16 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I wholeheartedly support Roxbury Prep's high school project in Roslindale.

I live just a few minutes away from the site on Belgrade and would be thrilled to welcome the Scholars into our community. I believe their presence will add so much vibrancy and joy and curiosity and activism and comradery. The benefits to Roslindale will be great. The downsides will be very small and very manageable. When I think about the inconvenience of increasing the length of my commute by a few minutes vs the value of welcoming such a positive group - committed to knowledge and equality and the future of our city - to our neighborhood, the choice couldn't be more clear. The students of Roxbury Prep need a home. I would be honored if they could share ours.

Something will be built at 361 Belgrade. There will never be a perfect proposal. But I think this school is as close as we will ever get. I feel truly lucky to have this opportunity to embrace Roxbury Prep the way they have embraced us.

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Sincerely,
Emily Seaman
60 Cohasset St # 2 Boston, MA 02131-3013

Subject: Stop 361 Belgrade Avenue Charter School Project

From: Elsie <epsalvato@earthlink.net>

To: Aisling Kerr@Boston.gov, Alliea Garrison@Boston.gov, Angela Scaccia@mahouse.gov, A.E. George@Boston.gov, Brian Golden@Boston.gov

Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 9:23:04 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 9:23:07 AM GMT-05:00

361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale, Massachusetts is not a location for any school. This match box sized property is shoved into a corner of a major intersection and virtually sits on a commuter railroad track. It would be a charter school that cannot offer each student a decent sized classroom and will only have an outdoor campus consisting of a public cement sidewalk and a dangerous railroad track. This property should raise many concerns for you as an elected official of Boston. Massachusetts already has codes regulating the size of school buildings, which includes charter schools, and this property does not pass any of them. If a Boston Public School could never be established in this location neither can a charter school. There are reasons for establishing codes for teaching institutions. I find it completely stunning that this project was not stopped from the moment it was suggested! The sheer logistics of this property immediately rules it out as a potential school site. What each and every one of you need to do is visit the site and then let the surrounding community residents know that you would want your own child to attend a school in such a **"make-it-fit-no-matter-what-condition" with total disregard for logistical safety.** Locating a charter school in this lot serves only one purpose and that is to shift the school's problem from one part of the city of Boston to another while simultaneously creating issues for a whole new community. Currently in the Roslindale/West Roxbury area there is not one school that has a similar inferior property design.

I have lived on Belgrade Avenue for over 50 years. I am vehemently opposed to having a school built in this location. My neighbors living next to me and across from me all agree this is a bad idea for both the students and this community. Additionally, we do not believe a single piece of analysis that the **contracted real estate developers** for this property have to offer because it is biased and based solely on greed.

I attended the meeting February 13th meeting at the Our Lady of the Annunciation Church and I was appalled at the lack of honesty I heard from the architects and developers contracted for this project. For one thing, their sketch of the property was extremely misleading because it was not drawn to scale and this was done intentionally. As Boston officials, you should be reviewing independent studies only. **The Anawan/Belgrade Terrace area is nothing more than a "public driveway"** yet this is where the school supplies and the staffs' cars will enter for parking in an underground garage on a daily basis. According to the developer's sketch this driveway was enlarged erroneously. I find this quite disingenuous and hope you are not fooled by it. This driveway is barely long enough for four cars to enter at any given time in one direction let alone both directions. The developers admitted there would be no loading docks either. Now segue to a winter scene with snow piled up all along the way and you will have a major grid lock with cars, delivery trucks, garbage trucks, city snow plows, the traffic generated by the condo residents directly across from there and pedestrians heading to work via the commuter rail. This grid lock will just spill over onto Belgrade and the West Roxbury Parkway. We already have enough problems with traffic and parking for residents as it is on Belgrade. **If you listen closely to the real estate developers they are actually making the argument that in order to accommodate a school on this location a subpar and complicated design to include every square inch up to the surrounding sidewalks and the railway tracks are needed to do so.** Requests to the MBTA would also be made to re-establish stops and schedules. In other words, this property by its very nature has a bad design and they know it.

And exactly why isn't the 361 Belgrade Avenue charter school project subject to a vote by the Roslindale/West Roxbury residents? I was expecting this on the last election's ballot.

Additionally, the developers claimed at the meeting that they scaled back the number of students the school would house from over 1,000 to approximately 560. The residents of this area see this as nothing more than a ruse. The numbers I believe did not even cover the staff required to run the school such as the teachers, administrators, janitors, etc. If they were given permission to build we know that in a year or so a petition would be filed to build up the additional floors to house 1,000 students again. This project must be stopped now! The charter school's representative claimed that only 100, that is, approximately 17% of the student body, already live in the Roslindale/West Roxbury area. Great - but **what about the other 82%+ of the Roxbury Prep students?** Why were none of them at the meeting on February 13th? The location of Roxbury Prep should remain where the majority of its students reside and it should have ample space not only for classrooms but an outdoor campus as well. The school should not be positioned on a railroad track either. The commuter

fares have been increasing quite a bit over the past several years on the MBTA since Boston's public transportation services are far too stretched as it is. The 82%+ of these students will be facing the brunt of the fare costs by not having their school in a more local area.

And speaking of safety, whether it is 600 or 1,000 students, how are the emergency vehicles going to access the school? What about fire drill situations or God forbid an actual fire -- where are the students suppose to file out to stand -- should they file out to the street intersection or the train tracks? In any of the schools I have attended (both public and private) emergency vehicles were able to get onto the school property itself. And again, speaking of codes, I would be astounded if the Boston Fire Department would sanction this location for a high school! And a fire department's inspection is required. Why has this not been done yet? Why wasn't a Fire Department's representative at the meeting? Likewise, who represented the MBTA at this meeting? The 361 Belgrade lot is not sufficient for even 100 students let alone 560+.

Please review the history of the West Roxbury High School on the VFW Parkway in relation to traffic safety. The median island surrounding that school's area was not fenced off for decades. Once the high school was established there the Boston/MBTA traffic authorities found it necessary to erect chain link fences along the median island on the parkway. What was the reason for this? The reason was that **the West Roxbury High School students were not using the crosswalks nor the traffic lights to cross the VFW Parkway.** High school students were not following traffic regulations. And yes, unfortunately, this is the nature of any high school student. Now switch to the Belgrade location and we will have a similar nightmare but worse since it is a more condensed area with narrower streets and the additional peril of having a railroad track right there. In addition, a number of multi-unit condo apartments are planned on going up in the same block. The MBTA will not hesitate to erect a fence along the train track near Belgrade/Bellevue station to block that area should this school be located there. The students will then have to circle around to get to the school along with the residents in the area who use the train for commuting to work. It is certain that the pedestrian routes will be clogged and cause numerous traffic safety issues.

Secondly, you need to ask the current owner of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Mr. Clay himself, how many times the cars sitting in his used car parking lot at that intersection's corner were cracked up because they were hit by cars making left turns from the West Roxbury Parkway onto Belgrade or cars heading down Belgrade coming from Center Street that try to zip by those wanting to make a right hand turn onto the Parkway and end up on his lot -- smack dab onto the sidewalk and into his cars. Yes, this is a dangerous intersection and over the years I have seen many accidents here including those that have knocked down the traffic light poles. This makes it an ideal location for a high school-- Right?!?!?

Roslindale and West Roxbury properties are already being **over developed** as it is. The distinction for this Boston area has always been as being part of the "outer skirts" of the city and should remain as such. The beauty of Boston is that we have a city with diverse landscapes and character unique to each section. The reason why Bostonians from every corner of the city choose this area to live is because there are more open spaces than the inner city. Traffic problems from the inner city should not be directed to this area as it only solidifies transportation issues citywide for Boston including vehicles and all forms of public transportation. This is not a solution and will only spread more traffic congestion.

In the February 2019 edition of the magazine, *Boston*, there is an article discussing how several Boston colleges are on the brink of bankruptcy. Roxbury Prep officials need to investigate which of these colleges may offer a better location for their school. These properties, should they become available, are already built for a teaching institution and will have more to offer their student body. This would be so much more ideal than the Belgrade's dangerous postage-sized lot. Why should this charter school have to settle for a subpar piece of property while other Boston schools have better?

Now I ask you once again why the communities of Roslindale and West Roxbury are not allowed to have a public vote on this matter?

I thank you in advance for making the **right decision to not zone the lot at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale, MA as a property for any school.**

Respectfully,

Elsia Salvato
235 Belgrade Avenue
Roslindale, MA 02131

The BPDA should continue to delay the 361 Charter school project. Has the BPDA requested the city of Boston, assist the charter school in locating an alternative site, a vacant city-owned school building with open green space appropriate for the development of the charter high school? Many older Boston city schools were brought up to code at great expense in areas that balanced the needs of students with traffic needs of the community. Urban students deserve open green, recreational space, and careful transportation planning for bus safety that considers our community traffic concerns. The 361 charter proposal does not offer green space or a careful transportation plan and it is unknown if it proposed an open campus.

West Roxbury streets are hyper-burdened. The community has become very over-developed and congested with vehicles. Stop signs and reduced speeds to 25 mph have not solved the traffic problems. Apps redirect hurried commercial vehicles through the neighborhoods to access Washington Street, two different Parkways, Centre Street, and Belgrade Ave, to and from downtown Boston.

How do we balance the economic development of Boston with the safe development of our community? The BPDA impacts this balance by trying to limit the discussions on development projects and not hearing the community objections that currently fail to resonate as data.

Development projects, like the 361 charter share many considered viewpoints tallied online through BPDA's portal and via other data mining resources. The 361 project is heavily reliant on data; but data aggregating sites have limitations especially that the West Roxbury community since one third residents represent the older demographic being a little less than tech savvy. This lack of representation that should be emphasized to the BPDA so that the needs assessed from community data resources may be further explored to become more reliable in representing community concerns for traffic and safety.

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introducing idling time and parking problems, this too would increase the already congested traffic pattern.

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The planned charter high school demanded a better planned location, a safe plan with minimal impact on resident safety considerations and traffic congestion, on parking, and on the increased commuter travel time to Boston. The West Roxbury Parkway at Belgrade Ave is THE gateway to Boston. Boston is recognized as the most congested city in the country at rush hour. The 361 project would increase our existent logger-jam at Belgrade and the Parkway, extending the current one hour 10 minute ride longer, a nightmare slog into the Boston at the peak of morning traffic.

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Subject: Roxbury Preparatory Charter H S

From: "Ruth H." <[REDACTED]>

To: "Aisling Kerr, Project Manager" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 11:29:39 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 11:29:51 AM GMT-05:00

Attachments: BPDA should continue delay the 361 Charter school project.docx

Hi Aisling,

I attended the meeting last week regarding the location of the Roxbury Prep Charter School. With so many questions remaining I hope that you will read a piece I wanted to share with the BPDA regarding the project. The topic lends itself to a much wider discussion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruth Hartnett Guarino

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Conor Dowley <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:20:04 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:20:05 PM GMT-05:00

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Sincerely,
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978 South St Roslindale, MA 02131-2314
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: SHELDON LLOYD <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:28:31 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:28:32 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

Dear Elected Officials,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

First, I am Boston Resident and a parent of two BPS school students (4th & 7th grades). I understand the challenges navigating the Boston Public School's system. Options, choice and quality education needs to be for all Boston Residents.

Second, Roxbury Prep supports the local business economy under threat from high tech to high paying industry jobs replacing the folks who built this great city. Roxbury Prep understands buying local and has been a partner of City Fresh Foods, Inc., Roxbury, which employs 92 folks, of which 74 are (still) residents of Boston. Some of whose children attended and attend Roxbury Prep. This business partnership has also enabled City Fresh to pay a minimum wage of \$15 per hour.

Lastly, I understand the community development process, the school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body; hence reducing the opportunity to change the life of a students for parking...

Rox Prep has addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. Education is not a privilege it's a right. The community of Boston has to think as a whole to make real change, all must make sacrifices especially for the children, the future. I urge you to also think about the example this process is setting for this generation and this cohort of students.

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Sincerely,
SHELDON LLOYD
41 E Concord St Boston, MA 02118-1905
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jessica Chousa <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:50:44 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:50:45 PM GMT-05:00

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Sincerely,
Jessica Chousa
85 Tyndale St # 2 Boston, MA 02131-2325
[REDACTED]

Subject: Opposing 361 Belgrade.

From: Joanne Meegan <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:56:44 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:56:47 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Ms Kerr:

i am writing to express my very strong opposition to Roxbury Prep going in at the currently proposed site. I live about half of a mile from the site and many of my neighbors and I are concerned about the negative effect such a large influx of people everyday would have on our quality of life. I also do not understand why Roxbury Prep was willing to compromise on the number of students they would be able to enroll at the currently proposed site. Seems that it would be better for this community AND potential Roxbury Prep students if the school were to find a site that could better absorb the people and traffic that a school brings with it and could accommodate as well the number of students that the school would ideally like to enroll.

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Joanne Meegan

Roslindale, MA

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From: Elsia Salvato <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]"; [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 9:26:17 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 9:26:18 AM GMT-05:00

Name Elsia Salvato
Address 235 Belgrade Avenue Roslindale 02131
Email [REDACTED]
Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location

From: Annemarie Ryan <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 3:36:03 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 3:36:04 PM GMT-05:00

Name Annemarie Ryan

Address 10 Anawan Terrace West Roxbury 02132

Email [REDACTED]

Message

I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

As a longtime resident and home owner in West Roxbury, only one block from this location, I believe this project would greatly harm the community. In addition, I am not the only person who is concerned for the safety of the students due to congestion from cars, buses and other types of transportation in this community.

When one invests in a home and a community, people look for many things including schooling, congestion, traffic, and ease of transportation. I attended high school in Roslindale because there was no high school in West Roxbury. Many students attend high school outside their community. While I am open to change, there is a breaking point. Look at your own homes and how you would react to the kind of change that this particular project would bring. There is also a massive amount of buildings and projects approved and others seeking approval for this area including apartments and condos. This is a busy suburban Boston area. If anything, it would be better to build apartments/condos/senior housing on this sight rather than the project that is being proposed.

We have been told that the school will also be used evenings and on weekends (which will include parents and families). The commuter rail does not run on weekends. Where will people park? I have been told by some residents, who have health issues that they are frightened that they will have to park further and further away and it will become even more difficult to get to and from their cars/homes.

We also have been told that travel will be increased by only 1-2 minutes. I feel we have been made to feel that we are selfish to complain about this issue. I can guarantee that it takes much more than 1 to 2 minutes in additional time to navigate the increased traffic even now!!! There is no such thing as an average delay!!! Proponents of the project have said that this problem is happening all over the city. Should we continue to add to this problem? Should we succumb to this thinking? We have been told to just "get over it".

Try turning left on Anawan Avenue where you will come to a six-way intersection on the West Roxbury Parkway, Anawan Avenue, and Beech Street. Frequently, cars traveling on the Parkway do not stop when the light turns red, traffic backs up across the intersection preventing cars from Anawan Ave. and Beech St. from moving through the green light.

Enforcement has told us that they do not have enough coverage to address this situation.

The school has said they will monitor congestion problems. How is the school going to monitor their students, staff and school? As a teacher for 35 years in the city of Boston, I know that those who are asked to monitor these issues (often due to other issues going on) do not always show up to take care of these problems. The school tells us to tell them if there are problems. So, the community/hard working people now need to monitor this in addition to being "patient" with increased travel time? Have you studied the massive traffic/congestion on the West Roxbury Parkway including the area of the school? The traffic study that was done is ridiculous. Can there not be an independent traffic study? Can we see this study? Can there not be a discussion of available square footage per student?

Those who support the school have often told us we do not care about the students. They say "this is our school" as if we are against education and students. As a teacher in Boston for 35 years, this cannot be further from the truth. We also deserve the kind of community we have worked hard for. I believe they have not listened to what we are saying. Our concerns have NEVER been about the students (unless it has to do with safety). It may be "their school" but I feel this is "our community" where residents have worked hard for a good quality of life. I have lived here most of my life. People in favor of the project have from the start used unflattering and untruthful descriptions of us. Do they realize that it is people in this community that has made it the type of place they want to build their school? We have a right to make our reasons heard and understood.

Proponents of the project say they want a good education for their students. We are NOT against students. We are against the building in this specific area. We feel this is not the best location in size and square footage for this project. We have been told by architects in the area that building this project is a mistake.

We have repeatedly heard that this is "their school", one which has free tuition. It is not free tuition. It is paid for by the tax payers. Now the taxes we pay will take away from our community's quality of life that we have worked so hard for.

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location

From: Steve Ward <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 5:59:41 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 5:59:41 PM GMT-05:00

Name Steve Ward

Address 45 Cowing Street Boston 02132

Email [REDACTED]

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Subject: OPPOSE 361 Belgrade

From: Catherine Stonis <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 9:07:20 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 9:07:21 PM GMT-05:00

Good evening,

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>> I am writing to OPPOSE the project 361 Belgrade in West Roxbury. You would think I would be in favor-I have 3 young children and do love the idea of another school option for my kids come 9th grade. However, this is a charter school and I want my kids to continue with BPS. Additionally, this is a feeder school. Most West Roxbury and Roslindale kids that go to school in the area are in K-8 programs. So unless my kids were to leave their West Roxbury K-8 school in 6th grade-their chances of getting a spot in this school for 9th are slim at best. It'll be just another school in the immediate neighborhood that neighborhood kids cant go to.

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>> That aside, the location can NOT afford to take on a project of this scope and size. I live on Tennyson and commute to the JP VA at least once to twice per week. I take the Parkway about 735/740 AM and it is incredibly congested and the intersection through Belgrade/Parkway is always backed up. Then the Holy Name Rotary is also very congested. Coming home from JP at 430-500PM is even worse through the rotary and over to the Parkway. I also work at West Roxbury VA and was going on a home visit over toward Roslindale Square, taking Belgrade. It was about 12/1230pm on a Thursday afternoon and it took me 3 traffic lights to clear the Belgrade/Parkway intersection b/c of gridlock from cars on the Parkway. This was the middle of the day and shows there are just too many cars in an area that cannot accommodate.

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>> From what I have read, the traffic rating if the school goes in will be an F rating. The description of F rating is worrisome for myself and others that live in the neighborhood. Noise, traffic congestion, pollution from idling vehicles stuck in traffic/waiting to drop or pick up kids-will negatively impact the quality of life for area residents.

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>> And finally, people have asked what I'd rather see there-a school or condos that are popping up everywhere. Honestly, we need the housing-especially for elderly. West Roxbury has the oldest population of older adults (over 65) in all of Boston I believe. I also know that worldwide, we will see large population growth expected in those over 65 year (WHO data). I'd like to see services and development of the needs of this population of resident addressed. We should be innovative to address this growing need. I'd like to see more over 55 housing-and this is a great location for that. Create a community that would allow aging individuals to age in place, but also in a location that could maximize their life space (this area has decent side-walked areas, grocery close by, pharmacy close by, medical care close -easy for The Ride to access, entertainment/dining, bus line, commuter line).

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>> Thank you,

>> Catherine Kelly

>> Tennyson Street West Roxbury

Subject: Bellevue Hill Improvement Association opposition to Roxbury Prep proposal

From: Ginny Gass <ggass89620@aol.com>

To: ggass89620@aol.com

Cc: athena@crimeatlas.com, CMcdevitt@aol.com, cstonis@hotmail.com, despinastavros@yahoo.com, frederick.gillis@ampf.com, gembleton4@gmail.com, junedowney@verizon.net, paulnevins@plnevinslaw.com, robertaconway617@gmail.com

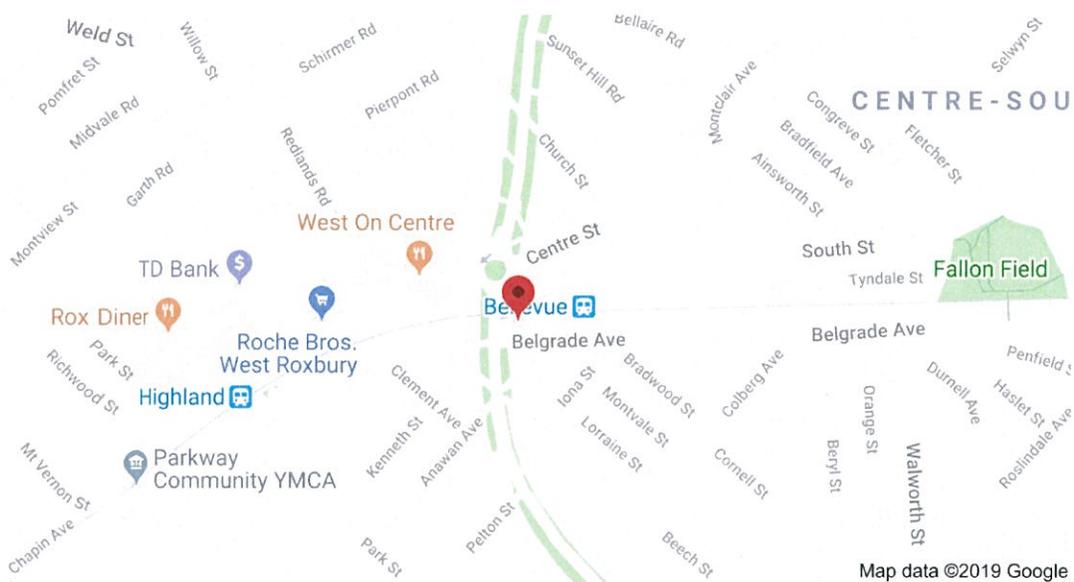
Date Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:51:24 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:51:26 AM GMT-05:00

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing on behalf of the Bellevue Hill Improvement Association, West Roxbury's largest and oldest neighborhood association, to oppose the location of Roxbury Prep Charter School proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. The Association voted more than a year ago to oppose the location.

(As an aside, when we called BPDA to let officials know that BHIA had a history with Roxbury Prep, in that three years prior to our vote to oppose they requested a meeting with our group, and subsequently called it "their first community meeting", which was a surprise to all. We wanted to be informed about the proposal's progress, as GBANA has been informed. The reply was that our group is too far "out of the area" to deserve that kind of attention.)



The red dot in the middle of the map above will remind you of the 1 acre location where Upton Partners wants to locate a charter school, complete with all components that a school requires:

- Students and Staff totaling more than 650 people, five days per week
- Cars, Buses and Trains delivering those 650 folks in the morning and picking them up again in the afternoon
- Truck deliveries of mail, packages and equipment, five days a week (Try watching West Roxbury High School or the Kilmer for an hour to see what gets delivered.)
- Ambient traffic in the area by people going to Boston Paws Dog Grooming, people who live across the street, people who head to the shops further down the street and to Roslindale Square.

And, you think additional traffic caused by a one acre school complex at the gateway to West Roxbury is a good thing?

The proposed area is the gateway to West Roxbury and already one of gridlock almost all day, every day. To simplify the picture, you might think of Anawan Ave., WR Parkway, Belgrade Ave, and Centre St. not far away, as spokes in a traffic wheel. A school at 361 Belgrade will prevent the wheel from turning; yes, a simple way of

looking at it Upton's proposal. Simple, but also absurd.

There you have it, a simple problem to solve. Those of you who have a vote, **please vote to oppose** putting a busy school at 361 Belgrade Avenue.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Ginny Belford Gass, President
Athena Yerganian, Vice President
June Downey, Treasurer
George Embleton, Secretary
Bellevue Hill Improvement Association
PO Box 320232
West Roxbury, MA 02132

Subject: stop school project on belgrade ave

From: Ourania Tsiakanikas <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <Aisling.Kerr@[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 11:01:26 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 11:01:29 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

we (Nikolaos and Ourania Tsiakanikas at 11 Montvale street) are writing you today to express our opposition for school building project on Belgrade avenue.

Reasons we are against school building on Belgrade avenue:

1. Quiet neighborhood - We live on a quiet dead end street for many years, many elderly people live on this street with no commotion and noise and we want it to continue this way. The building of the school will be very disruptive to our quiet environment.
2. Safety - living in this quiet neighborhood provides safety for the neighborhood. The building of the school will make our neighborhood very unsafe.
3. Health - in this quiet environment is very healthy for those who want peace and quiet. The building of the school will be very unhealthy in our quiet street, in addition to causing excessive stress especially with traffic on Iona street and Belgrade avenue where people driving to or from work or other places will be stressed due to school buses and students.

Therefore, I hope you take this into consideration before making final decisions, and I hope you make the right decision which is stopping the school project on Belgrade Avenue.

Thank you for your time and help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ourania Tsiakanikas
Nikolaos Tsiakanikas
11 Montvale Street
Roslindale, MA 02131

Subject: 361 Belgrade Ave . Roxbury Prep

From: Sally Stevens <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 3:08:21 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 3:08:33 PM GMT-05:00

Suggestions re: the Roxbury Prep project from a neighbor who attended the 2/13 mtg.

1. Anawan Extension will present a problem. Cars will wait to pick-up students, thereby clogging the turn-around area. Parents and others may just "run into school for a moment to drop something off/pick something up", again causing back-up on Anawan. Any back-up will spill over onto Belgrade as cars wait to turn onto Anawan. A traffic cop may need to be stationed on Anawan and actually give out tickets....

Also, cars exiting Anawan Ext and trying to make a left turn onto Belgrade will cause traffic to back up on Anawan Ext. Suggestion: allow only a right-hand turn as cars exit Anawan. The traffic study estimate of 4 additional seconds delay exiting Anawan Ext seems very unrealistic.

2. Parking in the vicinity of the school should be for residents only. Signage and enforcement are critical.

3. The trash issue is important to reconsider. Wheeling trash bins to the curb has to be minutely coordinated with pick-up of the trash. Several trash bins waiting on the sidewalk will take up valuable space and hinder foot traffic.

4. Someone at the town meeting raised the issue of deliveries and the lack of a loading dock. If these deliveries occur during school entrance or exiting times OR during rush hour traffic, major congestion will result on Belgrade.

5. If 40% of the students leave at dismissal, that will involve 224 kids. Even if only 10% of these (only 22 kids) are picked up, Anawan Ext. becomes clogged and traffic is backed up onto Belgrade.

6. After school, kids (being kids) will try to beat the train and run across the tracks, if they are running late and need to catch it OR if they are just on a dare. An adult has to be posted to monitor the situation.

7. Buses taking kids to athletic practices will need to load and unload on Belgrade, as too many pickup cars will be on Anawan Ext..

In sum, several transportation issues still need to be resolved.

Subject: Fwd: 361 Belgrade Ave, Roxbury Prep Charter School

From: Judy <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]
Gass <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 8:44:04 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 8:44:07 PM GMT-05:00

- >
- > Dear Mayor Walsh; Senator McCarthy; Senator O'Malley; Ms Kerr; Ms Gass:
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- > We do not support the Roxbury Prep Charter High School proposal at 361 Belgrade Ave
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- > While it is very important for Boston High School students to have a state of the art high school, this is not
- > the right location
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- > Mostly due to traffic, small space and parking
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- > And reconfiguring Anawan Ave (a residential street) for drop off and pick up
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- > All of this will create a chaotic traffic nightmare for residents to get through West Roxbury Parkway to pick up routes to work
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- > This school belongs in an area where there is plenty of room - The West Roxbury Educational Complex on VFW Parkway
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- > VFW site has ample room for all high school age students coming from many areas ie. Roslindale, West Roxbury, Hyde Park, etc
- > And it will not take money from BPS to be given to Charter Schools. Fix the public schools first!
- > There is space for science labs, basketball, soccer, track, gym, an adequate library, cafeteria, parking, community meetings, etc
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- > This school should not be squeezed into a small lot that will only serve a small amount of students and create
- > terrible traffic, blocked streets, and parking issues.
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- > We have churches on each corner of West Roxbury, with plenty of community running projects: day care, food pantry, two commuter rail
- > stops within a few blocks from each other, exercise groups, a YMCA, dance groups, music groups and so on
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- > And many of these community events do not have their own parking. The residential driveways are constantly being blocked by
- > gigantic food delivery trucks for the food bank, and people who pick up food from the food bank block our driveways and
- > even park in driveways that have no cars while they go to the food bank.
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- > There is not adequate parking for the commuter rail cars and people from all over the city who park on both sides of our residential streets
- > and even park in front of signs that say "no parking from here to corner" allowing no one to cross, or see the traffic.
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Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

From: KATHERINE CHOUSA <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 12:42:48 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 12:42:48 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,

KATHERINE CHOUSA

85 Tyndale St Roslindale, MA 02131-2325

[REDACTED]

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location

From: Catherine Issa <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 2:07:05 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 2:07:06 PM GMT-05:00

Name Catherine Issa

Address 122 Tyndale Street Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

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Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Andrea Lesser-Gonzalez <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 4:25:57 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 4:25:57 PM GMT-05:00

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Andrea Lesser-Gonzalez
104 Metropolitan Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-3534
[REDACTED]

Subject: Roxbury Preparatory Charter School - Support for Roslindale Campus

From: Theresa Dryden [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 9:05:00 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 9:05:12 PM GMT-05:00

Hello Leaders,

I am writing in support of the proposal to open a campus of Roxbury Preparatory Charter School at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale.

It concerns me that some of those opposed to the project may be motivated by racial or socioeconomic bias or misunderstanding. Why did the organizers choose the slogan "Stop 361 Belgrade"? Maybe it's because they realize it would not look good to advertise "Stop the School", especially since the majority of Roxbury Prep's students are minorities - African-Americans, Latinos, immigrants, and members of other groups who have a history of limited educational opportunity in Boston. Let's make this a moment when we talk honestly together about our hopes, fears and dreams.

What qualifies me to take a stand on the controversial issue of siting Roxbury Prep in Roslindale? I connect with the various stakeholders on many levels. I'm a homeowner, a resident of the Bellevue Hill neighborhood (for almost 20 years), and a commuter. I'm a parent, an educator, and a voter (have voted in almost every election for the past 40 years). I identify as multi-racial, and most importantly, I identify as a person. If we want to improve our neighborhoods, our city and our country, we need to find ways to understand each other as people. One of the best ways to grow in understanding is to build authentic relationships by living, working and learning together. Roxbury Preparatory Charter School will create opportunities to make our community and our world a better place.

Please work to bring Roxbury Prep to Roslindale!

Thank you,

Theresa Dryden

148 Stratford Street

West Roxbury, MA 02132

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jamie Cerretti [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 9:45:38 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 9:45:39 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community. I think it's an excellent use of a site that is currently just an eyesore, and I look forward to the energy and perspectives students will bring to the neighborhood. Frankly, I believe much of the opposition to this project is thinly veiled racism against Black and brown students in a predominantly white neighborhood.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jamie Cerretti
176 Poplar St Apt 1 Roslindale, MA 02131-3615
[REDACTED]

Subject: STOP 361 Belgrade Project

From: Stephanie Braga <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED], Timothy McCarthy

<[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED], Annissa Essaibi-George

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 3:37:18 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, February 21, 2019 3:37:32 AM GMT-05:00

Good morning -

I urge you all to vote NO and stop the building of a charter school on 361 Belgrade Ave in Roslindale (current site of Clay's Auto). As both meetings were held on a Wednesday at the same time, and I have a standing commitment, I was not able to attend and be heard in person, but write to you today to oppose to this project.

As a teacher in the Newton school district it is my position that this project is not good for the students or the faculty and as a longtime resident of Boston, I know that it is not good for the community.

Furthermore, this project would take over a public street for private use.

I once again implore you to vote NO and stop this project.

Thank you,
Stephanie Pavao

Subject: KEEP PUBLIC FUNDS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

From: Barbara Gates <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Barbara Gates [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 11:19:02 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, February 21, 2019 11:19:05 AM GMT-05:00

I am writing on behalf of the effort to thwart the building of a new charter high school at 361 Belgrade Ave, West Roxbury, MA. I encourage you to look at the site carefully, gather opinions from the abutters who will be affected, vet the company proposing to build and find out more about the intentions and credentials of the people behind the charter school. Too many resources have been siphoned away from the existing Boston Public School System, so much so that my job as a science teacher was dissolved for next year at the Gardner Pilot Academy. This idea to build serves only the builders and profits off the students who deserve better not by building new schools but by united efforts and resources this city has already chosen to diminish.

As a tax payer in Boston, I am tired of seeing tax money support ill-conceived projects in the name of education. ENOUGH!!!

DO NOT BUILD ANOTHER CHARTER SCHOOL. KEEP PUBLIC FUNDS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion.
Barbara Gates

[REDACTED]

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Stephanie Pavao <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 3:38:47 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 21, 2019 3:38:48 AM GMT-05:00

Name Stephanie Pavao
Address 285 Belgrade Ave Roslindale 02131
Email [REDACTED]
Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

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Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Kristie McElhaney <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 2:05:59 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 21, 2019 2:05:59 PM GMT-05:00

Name Kristie McElhaney
Address 297 Park Street West Roxbury 02132
Email [REDACTED]
Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

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Subject: Charter School 361 Belgrade Ave

From: annemarie ryan <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 2:51:28 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, February 21, 2019 2:51:40 PM GMT-05:00

From:

Annemarie Ryan

10 Anawan Terrace

West Roxbury 02132

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

* BPDA has held two meetings and their "Comment" period ends on Feb 22nd

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When one invests in a home and a community, people look for many things including schooling, congestion, traffic, and ease of transportation. I attended high school in Roslindale because there was no high school in West Roxbury. Many students attend high school outside their community. While I am open to change, there is a breaking point. Look at your own homes and how you would react to the kind of change that this particular project would bring. There is also a massive amount of buildings and projects approved and others seeking approval for this area including apartments and condos. This is a busy suburban Boston area. If anything, it would be better to build apartments/condos/senior housing on this sight rather than the project that is being proposed.

We have been told that the school will also be used evenings and on weekends (which will include parents and families). The commuter rail does not run on weekends. Where will people park? I have been told by some residents, who have health issues that they are frightened that they will have to park further and further away and it will become even more difficult to get to and from their cars/homes.

We also have been told that travel will be increased by only 1-2 minutes. I feel we have been made to feel that we are selfish to complain about this issue. I can guarantee that it takes much more that 1 to 2 minutes in additional time to navigate the increased traffic even now!!! There is no such thing as an average delay!!! Proponents of the project have said that this problem is happening all over the city. Should we continue to add to this problem? Should we succumb to this thinking? We have been told to just "get over it".

Try turning left on Anawan Avenue where you will come to a six-way intersection on the West Roxbury Parkway, Anawan Avenue, and Beech Street. Frequently, cars traveling on the Parkway do not stop when the light turns red, traffic backs up across the intersection preventing cars from Anawan Ave. and Beech St. from moving through the green light. Enforcement has told us that they do not have enough coverage to address this situation.

The charter school has said they will monitor congestion problems. How is the school going to

monitor their students, staff and school? As a teacher for 35 years and ultimately retiring from Boston Latin School after working in many other Boston schools, I know that those who are asked to monitor these issues (often due to other things going on) do not always show up to take care of these problems. The charter school tells the community to monitor any problems. So, the community/hard working people now need to monitor this in addition to being "patient" with increased travel time? Have you studied the massive traffic/congestion on the West Roxbury Parkway including the area of the school? The traffic study that was done is ridiculous. Can there not be an independent traffic study? Can we see this study? Can there not be a discussion of available square footage per student?

Those who support the school have often told us we do not care about the students. They say "this is our school" as if we are against education and students. As a teacher in Boston for 35 years, this cannot be further from the truth. However, we also deserve the kind of community we have worked hard for. I believe they have not listened to what we are saying. Our concerns have NEVER been about the students (unless it has to do with safety). It may be "their school" but I feel this is "our community" where residents have worked hard for a good quality of life. I have lived here most of my life. People in favor of the project have from the start used unflattering and untruthful descriptions of us. Do they realize that it is people in this community that has made it the type of place they want to build their school? We have a right to make our reasons heard and understood.

Proponents of the project say they want a good education for their students. We are NOT against students. We are against the building in this specific area. We feel this is not the best location in size and square footage for this project. We have been told by architects in the area that building this project is a mistake.

We have repeatedly heard that this is "their school", one which has free tuition. It is not free tuition. It is paid for by the tax payers. Now the taxes we pay will take away from our community's quality of life that we have worked so hard for.

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Marissa Puntigam <marissa.puntigam@oxford-ma.gov>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 3:36:50 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 21, 2019 3:36:51 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Marissa Puntigam
108 Florence St Roslindale, MA 02131-2620

[REDACTED]

Subject: NO to 361 Belgrade

From: Catherine Stonis <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 7:56:28 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, February 21, 2019 7:56:30 PM GMT-05:00

I am writing to OPPOSE the project at 361 Belgrade. I live up the street from the location and commute through that intersection at least 1-2x per week. The traffic is already impressive, getting by that intersection and then through the rotary is tough. The way back home in that exact area the PM hours is even worse-the bottlenecking of traffic from Belgrade/parkway intersections backs up traffic into the holy name rotary. This neighborhood cannot absorb a student/teacher body of this size and scope without negatively impacting the quality of life of the area residents. The traffic rating if this size of a school is built will go to an F and is not acceptable-it needs to be taken seriously for the residents that live here.

Subject: 361 Belgrade Ave West Roxbury, MA 02132

From: Rebecca Connolly <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 11:06:45 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, February 21, 2019 11:06:48 PM GMT-05:00

Ms. Kerr,

I've worked at the Mozart School in this area.

361 Belgrade Ave
West Roxbury, MA 02132
United States

Students and teachers are all affected by this. Individuals in this neighborhood feel the project is too big for the proposed site, and they are correct. I am supporting them.

This is an example of another private charter school being built that will take public funds from our already poorly funded public schools.

Coincidentally this year, the school committee voted to close two, well loved high schools in West Roxbury, citing the cost to maintain the buildings is too high. This is not fair. This is not right. Boston Planning & Development Agency, please do not use any state funds to support this!

Rebecca D. Connolly

Keep public funds in public schools!

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Kris Elbein <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 12:34:08 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 22, 2019 12:34:08 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Kris Elbein
40 River St Unit 110 Mattapan, MA 02126-2982
[REDACTED]

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location

From: Laura Hess <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 9:42:07 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, February 22, 2019 9:42:08 AM GMT-05:00

Name Laura Hess

Address 19 Rosecloiff Street Roslindae 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location

From: Mary Forti <[REDACTED]>

To: "Isingken@boston.gov" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 1:46:30 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, February 22, 2019 1:46:32 PM GMT-05:00

Name Mary Forti

Address 7 Greaton Rd Boston 02132-1404

Email [REDACTED]

Message

I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals. The traffic is currently very congested in the area and the Bellevue Station lot is full during the week. There aren't any parking spots for Roxbury Prep parents to park in the lot and take the commuter line. Is the MBTA planning to expand the lot? This school is too big for the proposed space. It will not be safe for students to cross the train tracks or streets during the busy morning and afternoon given all of the cars in the area.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

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Subject: 361 Belgrade

From: Jill Cowie <jillcowie@gmail.com>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 6:43:19 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, February 22, 2019 6:43:31 PM GMT-05:00

I could not make the public comment meetings but wanted to express my support for 361 Belgrade project and am hoping the number of students are realistic for the space provided.

best,

Jill Cowie
43 Bradwood St, Roslindale, MA 02131

Subject: No high school charter school on Belgrade Ave
From: "Strong, T" <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 11:01:04 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, February 22, 2019 11:01:17 PM GMT-05:00

Greeting Aisling,

As part of the greater Belgrade Ave neighborhood, I would like to voice my opinion that the proposed charter high school to be built on the Clay Auto lot should not be allowed to happen. Instead, the city should invest in the other two area high schools that it decided to close at the end of the year. Don't take any more money from our public schools.

The Clay site does not have much land. Where are the student athletes going to train? Has that contingency been talked about?

I can tell you as a person who has observed the traffic as I wait for a bus on Belgrade Ave in the morning--this area cannot handle more vehicles during rush hour. Did you know two pedestrians were killed in the last 4 months on Centre St?

Where are people-- students, family, and teachers--going to park cars? It seems to me whoever came up with the bright idea of putting a school here really didn't think things out

Finally, I want to reiterate that it is so wrong to give away my tax dollars to help charter schools build new schools, while at the same time starve the existing public schools of much needed funding.

Please do not approve this charter school.

Sincerely,
Teresa Strong

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Colleen manna <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2019 3:46:19 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Saturday, February 23, 2019 3:46:20 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep’s high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Colleen manna
106 Orange St Roslindale, MA 02131-2819
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jane Mbayi <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2019 9:55:25 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Sunday, February 24, 2019 9:55:26 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep’s high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jane Mbayi
33 Theodore St Apt 1 Dorchester Center, MA 02124-4049
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Margaret Dale <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2019 10:19:30 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Sunday, February 24, 2019 10:19:31 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I have lived in West Roxbury for 33 years. I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Margaret Dale
16 Oriole St West Roxbury, MA 02132-2617
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Nancy Mangels <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2019 10:47:32 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Sunday, February 24, 2019 10:47:34 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Nancy Mangels
70 Sawyer Ave Dorchester, MA 02125-2036
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

From: Wilma Rosenberg <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2019 11:04:23 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Sunday, February 24, 2019 11:04:23 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I have lived in West Roxbury for 33 years and I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Wilma Rosenberg

16 Oriole St West Roxbury, MA 02132-2617

[REDACTED]

Subject: Roxbury Prep Charter High School Concerns

From: "WONG, GWUN" <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2019 11:38:26 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Sunday, February 24, 2019 11:38:38 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Ms. Kerr,

As a West Roxbury resident, I have witnessed all of the traffic jams that occur in the intersection. Since it is an area that connects 7 streets, there is no excess space for a school that holds 500 people, including the staff's vehicles and buses.

In the morning (around 6-8am), there is a large mass of vehicles that attempt to rush past the red lights which results in several automobile crashes. As a high school student who attends Boston Latin School, I have to commute from my house to the city utilizing the resources of the MBTA. There are several bus stops and a commuter rail stop near the area. Since there is already so much traffic caused by ordinary cars, the buses are delayed which makes commuters like myself, late to school or work. There is already so much gridlock in the intersection; if an entire school of 500 students from all over Boston were to commute to this area, the delays would be even worse, and nobody would be punctual in getting to their destination.

Unlike my school's area, there are no places for students to hang out while waiting for parents to pick them up or to just pass time. There are only houses nearby, and if 500 unfamiliar students were to roam around the neighborhood, none of the residents would feel safe.

The residents of West Roxbury are extremely against this decision to build the charter school. The neighborhood itself is very small, and if an influx of 500 students plus the staff were to flow into the area, it would be inconvenient and uncomfortable for all. The staff and students come and go, but the residents are here permanently.

Thank you,

Gwun Yi Wong

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location

From: Jerry Brady <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2019 2:01:59 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Sunday, February 24, 2019 2:02:01 PM GMT-05:00

Name Jerry Brady

Address 71 TYNDALE st Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location

From: Robin Fabiano <[REDACTED]>

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2019 8:46:56 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Sunday, February 24, 2019 8:46:57 PM GMT-05:00

Name Robin Fabiano
Address 345 Belgrade Ave Apt. 3 Roslindale 02131
Email [REDACTED]
Message Dear Committee and city and state officials,

I oppose this project and have written comments similar to the ones I'm writing again in previous forums. I've also spoken publicly about my opposition to Roxbury Prep becoming my direct neighbor at the meeting on 2/7. I have now read the comments from the 2/13 meeting. I can't emphasize enough the negative impact that 500 + students, 70 + staff and who knows how many families and members of community organizations that offer services to Roxbury Prep will have on the neighborhood in which I live. It will impact us via Commuter Rail traffic- on a line not meant to accommodate that number of riders. It will impact us via the bus line- which will mean additional buses running up Belgrade Ave and large numbers of people waiting on a small plot of land. It will impact the neighborhood noise, our mornings getting out to work, our evenings returning home, how we spend time outside, how our family and friends access our homes. It will bring additional service trucks to the access road on Anawam- which leads into my driveway and also the driveway into the Roxbury Prep garage (causing blockages in high peek times since this is also supposed to be the "kiss and turn"). This is more than a M-F 8-3 (we can stagger drop off to minimize impact on the neighborhood) because good schools open early and stay open late; there are supposedly sports and afterschool activities, the building is supposedly also a community resource (basketball games, tables outside etc.). This is a 7 day/wk building. I've written this before but it's important to state again- unlike other people in roslindale who live near schools- that already existed in the neighborhood- had a choice to rent or buy there, fully aware of the neighborhood culture that the school brings. I did not buy a home in a neighborhood like that- and I don't want to live next to a school. I feel like that should be really important.

Finally- the impact on West Rox Prkway and Belgrade will be substantial. There have been 2 accidents in that intersection recently. Traffic backs up to Washington St, Centre St and past the Holy Name rotary. These will only increase with that many cars entering and exiting on such a small corner plot. There was just a death in the neighborhood (on Centre st.) due to increased traffic. It seems very likely that a property with that many people coming in and out of it will only make things worse.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I urge you to oppose the development of Roxbury Prep in 361 Belgrade Ave.

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Emily Kline <ekline@evanston.org>
To: aislingkerr@boston.gov
Date Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 1:57:38 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, February 25, 2019 1:57:38 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school seems to have been attentive to community feedback and has reduced the size of the student body and square footage of the building, which were the two most common concerns about this project. Ongoing opposition from the neighborhood is confusing since the primary concerns have been addressed.

Sincerely,
Emily Kline
290 Cornell St Boston, MA 02131-2830
ekline@gmail.com

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location

From: Eleanor MacPherson <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 9:00:40 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, February 28, 2019 9:00:41 PM GMT-05:00

Name Eleanor MacPherson

Address 23 Tappan street Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

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I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Please help stop Belgrade 361
From: Charles wong <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 11:59:06 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, March 1, 2019 11:59:07 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr:

Please help us to stop the proposed new five hundred plus student school that is located at 361 Belgrade Avenue.

I have been living at Anawan Avenue for more than fifteen years, at that very short street where the school desired to use it as their drop off- pick up area. Neighbors are deeply troubled ever since the proposed project have surfaced.

West Roxbury is a small town, and the proposed school will be build at a very busy intersection with narrow roads and it will be an addition to two schools and two churches at that same rotary. And the roads that lead to the intersections around the area are packed with anxious and angry drivers every morning and evening. Reckless drivers trying to beat the red lights in high speed is very common at the intersection of Anawan Ave. and West Roxbury Parkway. Car accidents occurred frequently at Belgrade Ave. where the school is located because of reckless drive on narrow road.

Public transportation is overloaded according to residents who need to commute everyday. Commuter Rail is packed, Buses are packed and they are always not in time.

Since the new school has very few parking spaces which meaning that, if there is any event or special occasions, there will be hundreds of cars looking for parking space around this busy area.

We are strongly against this proposed school is not because we don't give education a chance like some people said, but this is just too big for the neighbors and West Roxbury to swallow.

As I observed, these neighbors are hard working people, some use their life time savings to buy a home here, hopping to a have quiet peaceful haven, some life time residents are just have no intentions to leave this place until their very last day their lives. People spend tremendous money to renew their homes, pay so much attention to maintain their neighborhood. I think they deserve to have a quiet and peaceful home and neighborhood.

And I believe if this proposal had passed, their would be constant struggles between school and the residents, because it is a wrong decision to build a big school at the wrong place.

At last, I thank you very much for your time and I hope you can help us to get through this tough time.

Sincerely Charles Wong

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Shari Jacobson <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 2:24:44 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, March 1, 2019 2:24:44 PM GMT-05:00

Name Shari Jacobson
Address 27 Lorraine St. Roslindale 02131
Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Fwd: Project Comment Submission: Roxbury Preparatory Charter High School
From: Brad Gerratt and Susan Powers <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:01:16 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:01:27 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling,

I found your name on the BPDA website. I sent this comment in on 2/19 but want to withdraw it. Is it possible to remove it from your system? Thank you.

Brad Gerratt
[REDACTED]

On Tue, Feb 19, 2019 at 9:17 PM BPDA <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Thank you for submitting your project comment for Roxbury Preparatory Charter High School.

Opinion:
Support

Comment:
I support the school coming to Roslindale. How wonderful it would be to have a local high school. It's also good that the local community will be allowed to use its facilities. It's a place that local residents can volunteer their time to assist the school. As far as the issue of traffic congestion is concerned, I am counting on BPDA to make sure the school has a good plan. I can deal with a bit of congestion from time to time. It's the nature of living in a City. I like the fact that having the school here will bring a diverse student body to the neighborhood.

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Cecilia O'Keefe <[REDACTED]>
To: "Roxbury Prep High School" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 9:45:28 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Sunday, March 3, 2019 9:45:29 AM GMT-05:00

Name Cecilia O'Keefe
Address 137 Colberg Ave Roslindale 02131
Email [REDACTED]
Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I strongly feel that the city has promoted excessive development without a necessary improvement in public transportation or roads. I believe that it is short sighted for the city to allow this school to develop their project on MDC property which will be needed to widen the West Roxbury Parkway.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Lauren Bard <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 9:02:59 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, March 4, 2019 9:03:00 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

While charter schools are NOT the answer to Boston's education issues, this school already exists and it's charter is not at issue here.

This new building should be built to use 100% renewable energy, and should NOT be build to depend on fossil fuels.

All new buildings in our city should use clean energy.

Sincerely,
Lauren Bard
31 Havana St Roslindale, MA 02131-3314
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Caitlin Lozano <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 10:01:21 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, March 4, 2019 10:01:22 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

As a neighbor, parent, and someone who drives or walks past this property every day, I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

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I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Caitlin Lozano
664 W Roxbury Pkwy Roslindale, MA 02131-2741
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Allison Friedmann <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 10:46:19 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, March 4, 2019 10:46:20 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale. All of the children in our city are our children. I want all children to get an excellent education. I have no patience with Nimbyism. Rox Prep has done a great job of responding to local concerns. They will be good neighbors.

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Sincerely,
Allison Friedmann
615 South St Roslindale, MA 02131-1701
[REDACTED]

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: John Gilmore <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 2:40:03 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, March 4, 2019 2:40:03 PM GMT-05:00

Name John Gilmore

Address 1060 south street Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

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I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

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From: Louise Gilmore <[REDACTED]>
To: "Roxbury Prep High School" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:07:43 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:07:43 AM GMT-05:00

Name Louise Gilmore
Address 1060 South St. Roslindale 02131
Email [REDACTED]

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From: Louise Gilmore <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 12:47:40 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 12:47:40 PM GMT-05:00

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Address 1060 South St. Roslindale 02131
Email [REDACTED]

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From: Jeanne Reis <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:45:52 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:45:53 PM GMT-05:00

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Sincerely,
Jeanne Reis
15 Colbert St West Roxbury, MA 02132-1239
[REDACTED]



A call to action to make Roslindale Boston's most walkable neighborhood.

March 5, 2019

BY EMAIL ONLY (Brian.Golden@boston.gov)

Mr. Brian Golden, Director
Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)
Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201

Att'n: Ms. Aisling Kerr, Project Manager (Aisling.Kerr@Boston.gov)

RE: Support Letter - Roxbury Preparatory Charter School (361 Belgrade Avenue)

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Subject: WalkUP Roslindale Comment Letter on Roxbury Preparatory Charter School (361 Belgrade Avenue)
From: Adam Kessel <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Timothy McCarthy <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Campbell <[REDACTED]>, 'Matthew O'Malley' <[REDACTED]>, 'Michelle Wu' <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:10:55 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:11:01 PM GMT-05:00
Attachments: 2019-03-05 WalkUP Roslindale Support Letter for Roxbury Preparatory Charter School.pdf

Dear Mr. Golden and Ms. Kerr:

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Regards,

Adam

A call to action to make Roslindale Boston's most walkable neighborhood.

March 5, 2019

BY EMAIL ONLY ([REDACTED])

Mr. Brian Golden, Director

Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)

Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square, 9th Floor

Boston, MA 02201

Att'n: Ms. Aisling Kerr, Project Manager ([REDACTED])

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From: Heidi Sterling <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 10:25:10 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 10:25:10 AM GMT-04:00

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Sincerely,
Heidi Sterling
518 Harvard St Apt B2 Brookline, MA 02446-2440
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Greg Andrus <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:57:42 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:57:42 AM GMT-04:00

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Greg Andrus
31 Plainfield St # 1 Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-3634
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Andrew Kerr <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:56:45 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:56:46 AM GMT-04:00

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Sincerely,
Andrew Kerr
81 Spring Park Ave Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-4428
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

From: Julia Roehrich <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:53:00 AM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:53:00 AM GMT-04:00

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Julia Roehrich

55 Devon St Dorchester, MA 02121-2730

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

From: Kimberly Kinsman <k[REDACTED]>

To: a[REDACTED]

Date Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:50:05 AM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:50:05 AM GMT-04:00

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Sincerely,

Kimberly Kinsman

1255 Adams St Unit 208 Boston, MA 02124-5860

[REDACTED]

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From: Emma Simmons <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:46:20 AM GMT-04:00
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31 Plainfield St # 1 Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-3634
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

From: Arianna Benson <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:42:47 AM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:42:48 AM GMT-04:00

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Arianna Benson

32 Burnett St Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-2625

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Norine Bryson <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 11:27:54 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 11:27:55 AM GMT-04:00

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Norine Bryson
36 Stellman Rd # A2 Roslindale, MA 02131-2008
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jim Faherty [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, September 22, 2018 10:09:12 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Saturday, September 22, 2018 10:09:14 AM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

I am a life long resident of Boston growing up in Roslindale and attended Boston Public Schools (BPS) from K to 12 grade.

This period included Desegregation in the early 1970s. I mention all this to inform you that I am not new to the area nor the issues that continue to plague BPS since I attended it. I believe we need to continue to try and improve BPS and I believe the Roxbury Prep School project will help in that effort.

My children also attended BPS. Sadly my children moved out of Boston because they do not want to send their children to BPS.

Sincerely,
Jim Faherty
9 Houston St West Roxbury, MA 02132-2318

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Lila Austin <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 5:52:16 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Thursday, September 20, 2018 5:52:17 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project. I don't know the final size of the school but hopefully, they can work with community members to get Roslindale and West Roxbury behind the project.

Sincerely,
Lila Austin
19 Allenwood St West Roxbury, MA 02132-2047
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

From: Emily Seaman <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 11:03:22 PM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 11:03:23 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

Emily Seaman

60 Cohasset St # 2 Boston, MA 02131-3013

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

From: Barbra Morton <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 7:14:53 AM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 7:14:54 AM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

Barbra Morton

43 Fairview St Roslindale, MA 02131-1627

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

From: Kathie Carpenter <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 12:40:49 PM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Monday, September 17, 2018 12:40:50 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

These young people deserve to have a school to call their own. The location at 361 Belgrade would give these students access to the single-site facility all within minutes of several MBTA transit options. It would give them quality facilities for optimum learning and a sense of community.

Even if there is more activity or traffic in the area, which is a complaint of some who oppose this move, it would still be worth it. We need to invest in our youth and provide them with welcome.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project. Thank you for the work you do.

Sincerely,

Kathie Carpenter

43 Fairview St Roslindale, MA 02131-1627

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Katie Ulman <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 12:29:50 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, September 17, 2018 12:29:51 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Katie Ulman
40 Dale St Roslindale, MA 02131-4608
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Vsnessa Walker <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 5:27:15 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 5:27:16 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options. The addition of an additional free, public high quality high school in the Roslindale area will also benefit all of the families in the area. At present, the conversation between families is, "when our kids get to be around 12 years old, we have to move if they can't get into Boston Latin." While this message is not intended to raise a distress signal about the quality of public schools in Boston, it would be negligent to neglect a chance to improve the quality of education in Roslindale. As a mother, a teacher, and a community member, I cannot accept the argument that this space is inappropriate and neither should you.

As I look around at the groups opposing the building of this school, I am struck by the fact that the argument is a vague reference to the site's address - as if even the people actively opposing the school are embarrassed to be doing so. Take this as a sign, your constituents need and want better schools and you must be doing everything in your power to provide them.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Vsnessa Walker
32 Johnswood Rd Roslindale, MA 02131-3748
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jessica Chousa <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 11:51:04 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 11:56:47 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Jessica Chousa
85 Tyndale St # 2 Boston, MA 02131-2325
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Wanda Pimentel <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 10:53:25 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 10:53:25 AM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Wanda Pimentel
69 Paine St Roslindale, MA 02131-3223
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Renee Foster <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:06:53 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:06:54 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I'd like to voice my support for Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale. I've had a long career working to support public education and the impact I have seen Roxbury have on students is nothing short of phenomenal. Boston should be doing everything it can to expand the number of students who are successfully tackling college. The graduation rates Roxbury and Uncommon see are 3-4 times the averages for students in their average income level. I serve on the Mass TLC council and am deeply aware of the growing talent gap we face in the state. We need to support successful models for building a larger and more diverse set of college graduates.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. It appears that they have been very thorough in evaluating and addressing the traffic and congestion concerns I'm disappointed that they have had to reduce the size of the HS but appreciate that they are being very responsive to concerns. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Renee Foster
790 Boylston St Boston, MA 02199-7928
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Janet Marroquin <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:29:09 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:29:10 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I support Roxbury Prep's high school project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale.

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Janet Marroquin
37 Walden St Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-1232
[REDACTED]

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Mara Karapetian <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 9:46:36 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, March 7, 2019 9:46:37 PM GMT-05:00

Name Mara Karapetian

Address 246 Belgrade Ave #1 Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Project at 361 Belgrade Avenue
From: Mary Karapetian [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:26:19 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Thursday, March 7, 2019 10:26:23 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Ms. Kerr,

My home on Belgrade Avenue is in close proximity to the proposed site for Roxbury Prep, operated by a New York charter school company. At both of the recent BPDA public meetings for the proposed high school, I listened to all the vagaries of the project presented by the proponent's representatives. It is difficult to understand how a project of this scope that clearly is not well thought out reaches the point of making a public presentation to the community. For a public charter school, there's not much public information available or transparency with transactions surrounding this project.

If I wanted to build an addition to my home, I would face far greater scrutiny. However, despite all the zoning violations, lot restrictions, student enrollment and safety issues, and impact on the immediate neighbors that encompass this project, it is moving forward in the process under a BPDA small project review. Educational uses may be allowed on this tiny parcel of land, but I don't think anyone involved in making that designation ever envisioned cramming well over 600 individuals on it.

The proponent claims the smaller building project is in response to the immediate neighborhood's concerns. I don't recall being at a neighborhood meeting where anyone suggested a smaller building with the same issues would be better.

It appears the proponent is trying to circumvent the process. They made some hard to believe assurances at the BPDA public meetings about student enrollment and the building size. Aren't there such things as permit amendments, building additions, acquiring additional property, and the like no matter what is put in writing for this project at this time? There's always tomorrow to expand. They heard the immediate neighborhood concerns and objections loud and clear at previous meetings in 2017 when the original intent was to build a larger building requiring a BPDA large project review and their solution is to ignore us.

After the 2017 preliminary meetings, the proponent did "extensive" community outreach further away from the proposed site where it is easier to shape opinions with individuals who are not directly impacted. The proponent's poorly developed plan based on generalizations might appeal to a broader base. Immediate neighbors have significant concerns and object to this project at this location.

During their recent public presentation, the proponent's representatives indifferently pointed to buildings near the proposed site. They had to be reminded the buildings are someone's home. At both meetings, some immediate neighbors, as close as the next-door condominiums, stated that the proponent has never attempted to reach out to them over the course of the past two years. That is how limited their outreach was with regard to the immediate neighborhood and highlights their lack of concern with the impact of their proposed project.

The proposed site is located in a dense mostly residential neighborhood made even denser by recent real estate development. It is at the intersection of Belgrade Avenue and West Roxbury Parkway, near a heavily traveled rotary, and next to the Bellevue commuter rail station.

The commuter rail is a key component of the proponent's transportation plan. Potentially, this means hundreds of students will be traveling through the neighborhood's small one track rail station. There is no significant evidence of safety measures put in place by the proponent to

convince me that is a good idea. There is nothing but the empty assurances the proponent's representatives offered at the BPDA public meetings. The same empty assurances apply for embarking and disembarking MBTA buses by hundreds more students.

Providing bus and train schedules and ridership statistics for a reverse commute is not adequate and would be laughable if it didn't involve students and neighborhood commuters. I got the impression the proponent's representatives had a dismissive attitude to questions about transportation safety and logistics. After all, they assured us, no one has been killed or seriously injured at their current sites. This is not a simple building project. It is not like some of their smaller sites. It is a significantly larger project involving hundreds of school children, and a clear safety plan should already be in place for consideration. That is not something the proponent should be allowed to figure it out after the fact out of public view with no oversight. For this lack of good judgment alone, their project should not be allowed to proceed.

The proponents say our neighborhood needs a high school, yet Roxbury Prep uses a citywide lottery to fill their seats. Roslindale and West Roxbury students are unlikely to get a seat since far more middle school students will be advancing than the proposed maximum capacity of 562 high school students.

The high school has 568 students according to the 2018-19 enrollment data on the state's Department of Education website. High school enrollment will grow to 550 according to their BPDA application, and they claim they are serving "approximately 800 students" on Roxbury Prep High School's website. This is very confusing and conflicting data. Either way, there will not be enough seats to meet the needs of their current (950, from DOE website; 950, BPDA application; or 940, Roxbury Prep website) middle school students at the proposed high school—388 will not get a seat as they advance. There will be no seamless transition to high school for them. That's a lot of students for the proponent to overlook if educating children is the their main concern.

The proponent does not have a sound plan in place to meet the current and future needs of their own students. Crowding 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, however many hundreds of students they would like to fit on less than an acre of land falls short of anything resembling responsible planning. On their website, they claim, "By 2019, we will serve 1,800 students at three middle school campuses and a high school." With that as their goal, how does this proposed project make any sense? It doesn't.

A portion of this tiny parcel of land includes public parkland along West Roxbury Parkway with a deed restriction that it can only be used for parking purposes. The parkland is currently used for sales and storage of unregistered used cars. How did that parkland arrangement happen? Why was the restriction not enforced? How is that happening with today's strict standards of protecting our green spaces?

The proposed high school will generate an influx of well over 600 individuals a day into the neighborhood. It's also important to note additional congestion and traffic will continue in the evening and on weekends as they plan to rent out multi-purpose areas—they claim this will benefit the neighborhood. For large events, they plan to provide valet parking. Where? Our driveways?

The roads around the proposed site were not built to handle the current amount of traffic, and I will venture to guess that other infrastructure such as water and sewer will need serious upgrading. Yet, the proponent takes these safety and quality of life issues as nuisances. Conversely, poor development planning by the proponent should not be a detriment to the immediate neighborhood.

It rings hollow when proponents say traffic delays are a small price to pay for the education of children. At the public meetings, we were informed a few of their staff travel up to a half hour or

more in slow traffic between the two current sites. There was an especially exasperating moment when a staff member told us that instead of sitting in that traffic, he would be able to walk a short distance to work. This is while several hundred students will travel longer distances both to and from the site on public transportation for up to an hour if they're lucky and there are no service delays or cancellations. It appears inconvenience for students to accommodate the staff is preferable.

The proponent has unlimited funds at their disposal to hire attorneys and PR people to push their project. Those funds could be better used to finding a suitable location to unify their school and meet their needs. Not for a moment do I believe the proponent's claim that an exhaustive search was made to find a suitable location. Someone competent should be hired to carry out a professional and productive Boston site location search.

My opinion is the New York charter school company, supported with our tax dollars, is telling the students and parents of the middle and high school that this project is good enough for them. I say they deserve better than this substandard excuse of a modern high school building on a tiny parcel of land for all the money that is being thrown at it. My neighbors and I deserve better than to have our concerns ignored.

The immediate neighbors are clearly outmatched in terms of resources—no attorneys, no PR people, and no unlimited funds. We have voiced our concerns at meetings, signed petitions, sent letters to our elected officials, put up signs, made phone calls, and handed out flyers. We have done everything a private citizen can do in the hope our concerns would be heard.

The proponent's PR people responded to our strong objections to their project by insinuating we are racists, directing ageist remarks at some of us, and belittling and misrepresenting GBANA, our neighborhood association (I live on the wrong side of the tracks to join LANA—the tracks are a membership boundary line—how appropriate). Residents directly impacted by this project have a right to voice their concerns and objections and receive answers to their questions. The proponent's insults are an attempt to discredit and trivialize our concerns about their poorly planned project.

This school project serves only those who benefit monetarily: the auto dealer who owns the land, the developer, architects, attorneys, contractors, PR people, and the New York charter school company. They, among a few others, are the only ones who stand to gain from this project.

Much of the new development in our community brings to mind the "revitalization" of the West End. It is a different time and a different approach, but it is exactly the same kind of maneuvering by self-serving individuals who flaunt their indifference and use excessive influence without any regard to how they impact a community. One of the comments repeatedly expressed in the neighborhood about this project is that "it's a done deal." It troubling to hear that is what residents think. The apparent lack of good judgment and good data exhibited by the proponent in planning this development is evident in various aspects of this deal. Some aspects are vague or invisible. In the public interest, this project, no matter what the size, should not move forward. We need responsible planning and development of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Mary Karapetian
246 Belgrade Avenue
Roslindale, MA 02131

Subject: Roxbury Preparatory Charter High School
From: Andee Krasner <~~andee.krasner@gmail.com~~>
To: ~~aisling.kerr@boston.gov~~
Cc: ~~john.dalzell@boston.gov~~
Date Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 1:49:12 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, March 8, 2019 1:49:24 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Ms. Kerr,

At the end of January, the City of Boston and Boston University released its report, Carbon Free Boston. The report provides a map for how Boston can become carbon free by 2050 and meet our interim 2030 goal of reducing our carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 from 2005 baseline. The report shows that over 70% of our emissions come from buildings and that we must move immediately to decarbonize our buildings by building new net zero carbon buildings and retrofitting over 80,000 buildings to meet our 2050 goals. It is much more cost effective for new buildings to be built with net zero carbon features now than to retrofit them in just a few years.

Given the immediacy of climate change -- the UN estimates we have 10-12 years to reduce our carbon emissions by 50% to stay within 1.5 degree of warming -- we urge you to not contribute additional carbon to our community. Staying below 1.5 degrees of warming is an important goal for Boston whose real estate will be threatened by rising sea water and flooding. Damage from flooding and extreme storms will be incredibly costly if we don't focus on climate mitigation now. We also know climate change is already impacting our children's health: our kids are already suffering more environmental-related asthma and allergies and more tick- and mosquito-borne diseases. As educators and families, we don't want to endanger the health of our kids any further.

In light of our collective situation, we ask that you build a net-zero carbon building that will mitigate climate change and be resilient to more severe weather. We request that you build an all-electric building, use an all electric HVAC system using VRF Heat pumps, use Triple Glazed Windows, insulate, commit to purchase of RECs or Green Power for 100% of energy use, and talk to at least two PPA vendors about solar.

We share your commitment to building a wonderful learning environment for our Boston kids and we appreciate you considering the future of our collective climate and the future health and well-being of our kids as you make your building plans.

Sincerely,
Andee Krasner
JP Resident - 43 Sheridan Street
Mom to 7 year old and 11 year old
Mothers Out Front Volunteer

Subject: Comment on Roxbury Prep project, 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Kaleigh Ross <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 2:36:34 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, March 8, 2019 2:36:45 PM GMT-05:00

To Whom It May Concern:

At the end of January, the City of Boston and Boston University released its report, Carbon Free Boston. The report provides a map for how Boston can become carbon free by 2050 and meet our interim 2030 goal of reducing our carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 from 2005 baseline. The report shows that over 70% of our emissions come from buildings and that we must move immediately to decarbonize our buildings by building new net zero carbon buildings and retrofitting over 80,000 buildings to be net zero carbon to meet our 2050 goals. It is much more cost effective for new buildings to be built with net zero features now than to retrofit them in just a few years.

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Our ask:

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- **Use Triple Glazed Windows**
- **Insulate**
- **Commit to purchase of RECs or Green Power for 100% of energy use**
- **Talk to at least two PPA vendors about solar.**

We share your commitment to building a wonderful learning environment for our Boston kids and we appreciate you considering the future of our collective climate and the future health and well-being of our kids as you make your building plans. We all want a livable climate for the next generation.

Sincerely,
Kaleigh Conway

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Tom and Barbara Van Dyke <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 12:43:30 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, March 8, 2019 12:43:30 PM GMT-05:00

Name Tom and Barbara Van Dyke
Address 1 Rutledge Street West Roxbury, MA 02132
Email [REDACTED]

Message

I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the the proposed construction of Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 562 students. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA. The development does NOT meet Department of Education Standards for space for HS students. The location adjacent to train tracks is completely unsafe and the resultant traffic and public transportation disruption will make a bad traffic situation 10X worse!

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Leo Karapetian <[REDACTED]>
To: "singken@msn.com" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 4:20:57 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Friday, March 8, 2019 4:20:58 PM GMT-05:00

Name Leo Karapetian
Address 246 Belgrade Ave. Roslindale 02131
Email [REDACTED]

Message My wife and I are residents of Belgrade Ave., Roslindale, for more than forty years. In recent years, new apartment buildings have been built on Belgrade Ave. each containing more dwelling units than than the existing triple-deckers predominant in this area.

In 2017, we heard about a proposal to construct a high school at 361 Belgrade Ave., a site owned by Clay Chevrolet, presently selling used cars. We went to a Roxbury Prep presentation at the District E-5 police station.

Representatives from Roxbury Prep proposed to construct a high school, on a parcel of land (less than an acre in size) three to four stories high, to contain over 900 students and faculty. They would arrive by MBTA commuter rail, buses and cars. There was almost unanimous opposition to this proposal Most objections centered on this location being inappropriate for such use, because of condensing so many people in a small space (for a high school) and traffic problems at the intersection of Belgrade Ave. and the West Roxbury Parkway, both bearing major traffic during weekdays. Other objections included that few children from the Roslindale/West Roxbury areas would be able to attend as this is a charter school where enrollment is determined by lottery. We thought this was the end of the matter.

In January and February 2019, we attended meetings at Annunciation Church on VFW Parkway hosted by the BPDA. The hall was packed. About a third of the people wore blue T-shirts supporting the school. Roxbury Prep presented a new plan for a three level building, containing about 562 students plus faculty on the subject site.

Testimony was heard from people from both sides of this issue. However, the people who testified in favor would not be affected by the problems that would be caused by construction of this school. It is my impression that the people who support this proposal were enticed by promises of favoritism.

It is my further impression that Roxbury Prep intends to build additional stories on the building in the near future, in order that they may expand enrollment to the numbers they proposed in 2017, i.e., over 900 students and faculty.

The West Roxbury High School building, which has been under enrolled for years and in need of repairs, is to be closed at the end of this school year and eventually reconstructed. Even if this is true, I don't think enrollment will be increased.

I am not opposed to charter schools; they are a good alternative. I think the City of Boston should lease or sell this building to Roxbury Prep. Instead of spending millions for construction on a dubious site much too small for such use, Roxbury Prep should spend it on an existing building architecturally designed as a high school. This would be a better solution in the long term and allow for future expansion.

Subject: Oppose Charter in Roslindale

From: Jean Corbo-Hudak <~~jean.corbo-hudak@gmail.com~~>

To: ~~jean.corbo-hudak@gmail.com~~

Date Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 4:56:14 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, March 8, 2019 4:56:27 PM GMT-05:00

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly oppose a charter high school, however I strongly support a Boston Public High School on Belgrade. This is especially since we are likely to lose West Roxbury High. Charter schools should not be a priority over true public schools. I am a life long resident in Boston and dedicated to the success of the BPS system. Please research the negative effects charters are having on public education. Read past the manipulative language used to boost test scores and look closely at the population who requires special education and cannot be serviced in these schools. The non-union teachers leave a revolving door open to inexperienced teachers who are quickly burned out and leave for work that truly supports the Boston children. Let's make Roslindale's first high school a Boston Public School!

I also feel strongly that we support Carbon Free Boston when building in the city. I join my neighbors in asking:

- 1) That you build a net-zero carbon building that will mitigate climate change and be resilient to more severe weather.
- 2) Build an all-electric building, use an all electric HVAC system using VRF Heat pumps
- 3) Use Triple Glazed Windows Insulate
- 4) Commit to purchase of RECs or Green Power for 100% of energy use
- 5) Talk to at least two PPA vendors about solar

Thank you,

Jean Corbo-Hudak

301 Cornell Street, Roslindale

361 Belgrade Avenue Project for the Roxbury Preparatory Charter High School

This letter is going via email to All Boston City Councilors, State Representatives Angelo Scaccia and Ed Coppinger as well as BPDA Project Manager and Director Aisling Kerr and Brian Golden respectively and State Senator Mike Rush along with Mayor Martin Walsh.

My name is Nancy Geourntas and I live in the neighborhood directly affected by the proposed building at 361 Belgrade Avenue. I live on Iona Street, directly across from the proposed site.

I would first like to start by saying that after attending several community meetings regarding this proposed project, I am appalled by the people supporting this project who call those opposed to this project as racist! I am proud to say that I live in one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the City of Boston and that this project has nothing to do with the color, race or ethnicity of the students who would attend this school and it is a shame that when things don't go a certain way, the race card is always in play! **This should never happen.** As a matter of fact, we were never privy to any information on the race, ethnicity or color of any person who would attend this school and quite frankly, it doesn't matter! Let's keep this where it belongs, with the project itself.

What does matter is that I have several issues with this proposed project. First of all, each time I attended one of the community meetings, the project specs changed. It is hard to believe what the actual project will end up looking like based on all the changes, and it also leaves something to be desired in terms of trust with this company proposing the project because at every turn there was a different story. This company has caused much friction with us, the direct abutters!

Our community was also told that this plan was in place because the school had many different locations and they felt it would be most efficiently run if they could unify all their locations and have all their students under one roof. With that said, I am not sure why they have now reduced the square footage and number of students to half the capacity of their original plan since it completely detracts from their overall goal. What happens when they have more students enrolled in this school..... do they build yet another building or add another floor?? It doesn't make sense and quite honestly, if this was their goal for the students, then it doesn't seem right or fair to the students to keep them in all the separate buildings across the city. The students deserve better!

There was a very large community meeting held at the Annunciation Cathedral Hall on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. My concern with this meeting was that there was not one person taking notes on the concerns of the attendees especially those in opposition. If there were, I request here in writing to see them. There were many people there touting blue t-shirts who were for the project and most of these folks were students from the other locations. These are not people who live in the neighborhood around the proposed location who are concerned with the direct negative impacts on the neighborhood.

This project is going to cause additional traffic stresses to an already stressed out area. There will be students driving to school, and there is absolutely nowhere to park. My street is over full capacity with cars of actual residents who live there, never mind additional vehicles. I realize the school has a no driving policy for students, but they really will not be able to control that.

I did not see any concrete details about the transportation plan for this proposal just suggestions and speculation about the MBTA/Commuter Rail accommodating students for arrival and departure from the school. No direct verifiable agreement and/or commitment was announced or produced at any meeting. This has been discussed since this process started and here we are almost a year into it and no firm plans about the public transportation issues and the impact on commuters who utilize commuter rail every day to get to work.

On the traffic study presentation, it was quite incomprehensible and to tell you the truth, I do not even think one was even conducted. The consultant making the presentation was all over the place with no clear cut answer to any question from the meeting attendees. Just a lot of double talk.... No clear coherent results that accompany genuine traffic studies.

The use of Anawan Avenue as a "drop off and pick-up" is another concern of direct abutters as this will utilize a public roadway for a private purpose. This should be moved to be part of the project within the parcel boundaries not on a public street where traffic and backups will be a daily occurrence and residents that live directly across from this parcel have serious concerns about access to their right-of-way into their property.

Also, I'm concerned with student safety. Kids will be kids and I fear for their safety. I don't think it's a good idea to build a school next to a rail line! We have already lost kids by accidents on these tracks!

There are two other major projects already slated to happen in this very same vicinity. One is diagonally across from the 361 Belgrade Ave, at the triangle. A condo development is going up there, so that has to be taken into consideration as well as the project on the same side of the street as 361 Belgrade Ave., one block down, another housing development is slated to go up. This adds to the stresses of the neighborhood already in a very significant way.

I understand that this company declined many other sites proposed for this project. I recommend they re-evaluate the overall goal and choose another site more fitting for their needs. Even in its reduced size, it's not the place to build a school.

Thank you.

Nancy Geourntas
Direct Abutter to proposed 361 Belgrade Avenue

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Margaret Adams <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 11:20:58 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 11:20:59 PM GMT-04:00

Name Margaret Adams

Address 44 Aldrich Street Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Sylvia Kuzman <~~sylvia.kuzman@brookline.org~~>
To: ~~aisling.kerr@brookline.org~~
Date Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 3:20:28 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 3:20:30 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

Hi there--

I just wanted you to know that I work with Under-resourced kids at BPS and at some summer programs which work with BPS and Charter Schools, and I am on the board of Roxbury Prep. Our teachers and students work incredibly hard and we have built an amazing community. I truly believe this high school will benefit both the neighborhood and the students and the city at large. I am sure you believe as I do that each kid in Boston that gets the attention and services they need is a benefit to us all.

Here comes the boilerplate stuff, but I do also think it is true:

The school has gone above and beyond responding to community feedback. By reducing the size of the student body and square footage of the building, they have addressed two of the most common concerns about this project—size and congestion. The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students the facility they deserve with easy transportation access via the Commuter Rail and multiple bus lines. This new school will be an asset to both the students and the community.

I ask for your support of this project. I hope to hear a reply from your office soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sylvia Kuzman
110 Dean Rd Brookline, MA 02445-4212
~~sylvia.kuzman@brookline.org~~

Subject: 361 Belgrade Avenue Project

From: Nancy Geourntas <[REDACTED]>

To: Development Review at the BPDA <[REDACTED]>, Info GBANA <[REDACTED]>, "Mayer, Robert" <[REDACTED]>, Timothy McCarthy <[REDACTED]>, Michael Flaherty <[REDACTED]>, Annissa Essaibi-George <[REDACTED]>, "Mallory, Michael" <[REDACTED]>, "Coppinger, Edward - Rep. (HOU)" <[REDACTED]>, "Mallory, Michael" <[REDACTED]>

Date Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 4:36:10 PM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 4:36:13 PM GMT-04:00

Good Afternoon Aisling,

I'm writing in response to your "Open House" communication on the above noted subject. I'm not quite sure why there is an "Open House" for these plans when the neighborhood has clearly and definitively expressed their concerns about this project with it's unsafe location on a railroad line and the fact that there is no clear study done on traffic (which is already completely congested with the other projects going up in the area, the bridge being repaired, the congestion with the Holy Name School traffic, and not to mention all the side street traffic that is already a problem.) First of all, it should be a community meeting and not an "Open House". I'm not quite sure why this meeting is being held in West Roxbury when the project is located on Belgrade Avenue. The meeting should take place closer to where the project is being proposed.

Why is the company so hell bent on building at this location. They need to go back to the drawing board and choose one of the other locations that was offered to them because this is NOT a good location for a large school like this. It has many more problems and implications than just the traffic, which have all been stated in the different neighborhood meetings that have been held, which I have attended.

I requested a copy of the minutes from the January 30th meeting that was held at Annunciation Cathedral, but they were never received. Do you know why they were never sent to me? Because no one was taking notes at that meeting so how could they possibly know what all the concerns were that were raised at that meeting if they weren't written down? What a waste of everyone's time!

If you do have minutes from that meeting, I'd like a copy please. You can forward them to this email address.

Again, to reiterate, the direct abutters do not want this project to be built at this location. You can have the whole school there with their blue shirts and all but it doesn't change the effect of what that project will do to our neighborhood. It's just the wrong place for such a project. The opinions and concerns of the direct abutters should matter more than anything else!

Again, Please forward a copy of the minutes to the January 30th meeting to my attention at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Nancy Geourntas
Direct abutter to proposed project.

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Philip McAlary <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 3:23:08 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 3:23:08 PM GMT-04:00

Name Philip McAlary

Address 19 Symmes Street Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

I agree with the consensus of the immediate impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

I appeal to you for the responsible urban planning and development of our neighborhood.

Subject: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Sean Smith <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 3:29:59 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 3:29:59 PM GMT-04:00

Name Sean Smith

Address 27 Haslet St Roslindale 02131

Email [REDACTED]

Message I am among the hundreds of neighbors of 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, who oppose the construction of a facility at 361 Belgrade Ave. that will accommodate 600+ individuals.

-Too small an area for that many people

-Public transit cannot handle the influx of people.

I support the development of this location, but in adherence to City zoning restrictions, including Article 29 of the Boston Zoning Code which pertains to land within the Greenbelt Overlay Protection District, and in conformity with the existing neighborhood's landscape. The revised proposal does not address the neighborhood's concerns, meaningfully or adequately, particularly when considering the neighboring developments already approved by the BPDA.

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Subject: Belgrade Ave Roxbury Prep Charter Comments

From: Eileen McGurn <~~eileenmcgurn@oxfordma.gov~~>

To: "~~ashling.kerr@oxfordma.gov~~", "~~ashling.kerr@oxfordma.gov~~", "~~Mayer@boston.gov~~"
<~~Mayer@boston.gov~~>

Date Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 9:25:47 AM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Friday, March 29, 2019 9:25:52 AM GMT-04:00

My comments are such that this is not a good area to build a school. That intersection is a traffic nightmare. Adding kids crossing the streets in that area is so scary with all of the traffic in that area. It is not the right sight. A school does not exist there at this time. Please consider locations where schools currently exist such as West Roxbury High School which is a huge sight. All kids could be housed together and have great playing fields etc.

Please do not build this school at this sight.

Eileen McGurn
15 Howitt Rd.
West Roxbury

Subject: Comment-00004141 has been assigned for approval.
From: Aisling Kerr <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 10:22:47 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, March 29, 2019 10:22:48 AM GMT-04:00

Data,

A comment has been submitted for Roxbury Preparatory Charter High School from Ginny Gass and is awaiting approval. Please respond with one of the following items below as the first line of the email body to approve/reject the comment.

- approve
- approved
- yes
- reject
- rejected
- no

You can also optionally add comments in the second line of the email body. Additionally, you are able to login to Salesforce.com to approve/reject records.

Comment: <https://na81.salesforce.com/a0N1Q00000WMqYW>

I am opposed to the Roxbury Prep Charter School proposal because of the problem associated with the location. Located at the gateway in and out of West Roxbury, the school will have a devastating effect on traffic, in addition to the safety issues involved.

Also, I've been in touch with Aisling Kerr regarding the end date of the comment period. Specifically, on March 8, I telephoned to ask if the comment period had been extended from March 8 to a later date. This was my second request for this information. On March 8, Aisling said that the comment period ended that day, March 8.

In light of the fact that this was my second request for this end date information, I was surprised to learn last night (at the Roxbury Prep Board of Trustees meeting in Dorchester), that the comment period had been extended. Disheartening to be affected by Aisling's poor communication skills when the future of traffic and safety in West Roxbury is on the line.

Subject: Comment-00004163 has been assigned for approval.
From: Aisling Kerr <~~aisling.kerr@boston.gov~~>
To: "~~aisling.kerr@boston.gov~~" <~~aisling.kerr@boston.gov~~>
Date Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 4:01:41 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, March 29, 2019 4:01:42 PM GMT-04:00

Data,

A comment has been submitted for Roxbury Preparatory Charter High School from Rachel Young and is awaiting approval. Please respond with one of the following items below as the first line of the email body to approve/reject the comment.

- approve
- approved
- yes
- reject
- rejected
- no

You can also optionally add comments in the second line of the email body. Additionally, you are able to login to Salesforce.com to approve/reject records.

Comment: <https://na81.salesforce.com/a0N1Q00000WMqtC>

I have already written several emails in support of the project, but as today is the last day of public comments, I figured "why not?" and am writing one last time.

I appreciate the BPDA's efforts to bring the school and the opponents together to review the project. I understand the meeting was contentious, but I still appreciate the efforts. I have been trying to get city officials to do this for almost a year, and no one wanted to. So thank you.

I hope by now you have heard from enough supporters to appreciate that there is widespread community support for the project. Let's not repeat the mistakes of the past and kowtow to NIMBYist pressures and do what's right for the next generation of Bostonians and build this school in Roslindale.

Thank you,
Rachel Young
47 Tyndale Street

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Laura-Ashley Shury <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 7:17:44 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 7:17:46 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Laura-Ashley Shury
344 Hyde Park Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-2116
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Christina Shea [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 1:27:31 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 1:27:32 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Christina Shea
33 Fairview St Roslindale, MA 02131-1627
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Kellyn Shoecraft <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 6:26:33 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, August 24, 2018 6:26:34 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Kellyn Shoecraft
77 Farquhar St Boston, MA 02131-1404
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Eric Brookfield <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 3:58:24 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, August 24, 2018 3:58:25 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

My wife and I are expecting our first child in October. I'd love to send our kids to Boston public schools, and especially a high school right in our backyard.

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Eric Brookfield
29 Denton Ter Roslindale, MA 02131-4112
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Joshua Barocas [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:41:17 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:41:18 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Joshua Barocas
50 Winton St Roslindale, MA 02131-4806
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: sadie barocas <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:19:06 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:19:07 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
sadie barocas
50 Winton St Roslindale, MA 02131-4806
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Diana Starke <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 4:22:48 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Thursday, August 23, 2018 4:22:49 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Diana Starke
312 Poplar St Roslindale, MA 02131-4327
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Hank Layfield <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:16:00 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:16:01 AM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Hank Layfield
74 Albano St Roslindale, MA 02131-3017
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Gena Mavuli <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 7:57:03 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 7:57:05 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As a resident of Roslindale who lives quite close and is raising a family, I am disgusted at the opposition to this and I urge you to examine the racism in the opposition, something that is a huge and, in some views, a growing problem for Boston.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Gena Mavuli
70 Fletcher St Roslindale, MA 02131-1918
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Christine Bortolotto [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 3:19:36 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 3:19:37 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Christine Bortolotto
10 Rhoda St West Roxbury, MA 02132-1227
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Melissa Kavlakli <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 10:43:08 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 10:45:23 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Melissa Kavlakli
544 Poplar St Roslindale, MA 02131-4936
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Deb Beatty Mel <~~debbeatty@comcast.net~~>
To: ~~Aisling Kerr <aislingkerr@roxburyprep.org>~~
Date Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 8:16:57 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 8:16:58 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale.

The facility will benefit the students and is an appropriate use of the land at the corner of Belgrade and West Roxbury Parkway.

Sincerely,
Deb Beatty Mel
158 Walter St Roslindale, MA 02131-1522
~~debbeatty@comcast.net~~

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Sarah Rocha <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 7:20:13 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 7:20:14 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale.

Please take time to review the facts, and not just listen to rumors. This will be a huge benefit to our community. There is always fear of change, and certainly some legitimate concerns, but please hear out the school before making a judgment. The school is interested in working with the community to address their concerns.

As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Sarah Rocha
47 Atwill Rd West Roxbury, MA 02132-2527
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Alyce Johnson <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 5:38:14 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 5:38:15 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Alyce Johnson
48 Cohasset St Roslindale, MA 02131-3013
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jenni McCarthy <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 10:17:45 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 10:17:47 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. Right now, these high school students are spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students. As someone who benefitted immensely from performing arts while growing up, I think every student deserves the same opportunity.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options. I literally live less than a block from this site, and commute daily via MBTA. I am not concerned about the influx of students, the supposed traffic "issues" (which I believe will likely be minimal), or think there will be any negative impact on my immediate neighborhood.

As someone who has become a homeowner in the area only a year ago, I can't imagine being anything but pro-school given the situation these students are in, regardless of your personal feelings on charter schools in general.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Jenni McCarthy
9 Iona St Unit A Roslindale, MA 02131-2731
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Hadiya Strasberg <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:26:54 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:26:55 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Hadiya Strasberg
818 South St Unit 2L Roslindale, MA 02131-2450
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: EK Doherty [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 6:11:05 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 6:11:06 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
EK Doherty
48 Eastbourne St Roslindale, MA 02131-3334
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Elizabeth Murray [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 6:02:06 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 6:02:07 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston with 3 future high schoolers I ask for your support of this project. Our area and city so desperately need a high school that's high in academic achievement. Although I am against charter school as a whole, I am cerntonly for children being able to learn in a proper school setting and Roslindale is the perfect place for it!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Murray
32 Ardale St Roslindale, MA 02131-1506
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jeremy Maher <j[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 4:05:04 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 4:05:05 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Maher
807 South St Roslindale, MA 02131-2439
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Kyriakos Kalaitzidis [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 12:28:32 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 12:28:33 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Kyriakos Kalaitzidis
4436 Washington St Roslindale, MA 02131-3428
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: David Wean <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:52:00 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:52:00 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
David Wean
19 Congreve St Roslindale, MA 02131-1913
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Janice Williams <j[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:35:19 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:36:12 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Janice Williams
99 Belgrade Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-2416
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Carmen Farias <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:08:41 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:08:42 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Carmen Farias
26 Bellevue St Apt 5 West Roxbury, MA 02132-2629
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Cynthia Dantas <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 8:55:07 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 8:55:08 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Dantas
125 Walter St Roslindale, MA 02131-1535
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Kelly Gallagher <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 8:41:24 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 8:41:26 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Kelly Gallagher
229 Kittredge St Roslindale, MA 02131-4139
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Richard Allsbrook <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 7:20:25 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 7:20:26 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

Please know that I support this school being in Belgrade in Roslindale.

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Richard Allsbrook
34 Brookdale St Roslindale, MA 02131-2617
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Melissa Gallagher Landry [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 10:48:58 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 10:49:00 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Melissa Gallagher Landry
37 Fairview St # 1 Roslindale, MA 02131-1627

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Cliff Kensington <cliff.kensington@rosindale.org>
To: aisling.kerr@rosindale.org
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 9:36:10 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 9:36:11 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Cliff Kensington
32 Jewett St Roslindale, MA 02131-3117
cliff.kensington@rosindale.org

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Danielle Calabro <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 9:07:25 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 9:07:25 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Danielle Calabro
42 Bateman St Roslindale, MA 02131-4924
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Molly Lawless <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 9:06:45 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 9:06:46 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Molly Lawless
39 Rexhame St Roslindale, MA 02131-2739
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Paul Friedmann <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 8:56:40 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 8:56:42 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Paul Friedmann
615 South St Roslindale, MA 02131-1701
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jessica Tahiraj <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 8:19:29 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 8:19:31 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Jessica Tahiraj
80 Hemman St Roslindale, MA 02131-4545
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Allison Frederick <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 7:52:33 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 7:52:34 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project, because EVERY child deserves a good education and a chance to succeed.

Sincerely,
Allison Frederick
18 Cedarcrest Cir West Roxbury, MA 02132-4719
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Michael Quinlan <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 7:24:57 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 7:24:58 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Michael Quinlan
22 Taft Hill Ter Roslindale, MA 02131-1717
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Erin McSherry <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:50:26 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:50:27 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Erin McSherry
218 Roslindale Ave # 2 Roslindale, MA 02131-3302
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Gail Rush <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 7:01:16 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 7:01:17 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Gail Rush
29 Custer St Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-3141
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Rachel Young <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:43:13 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:43:14 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak further with you about the project. I can be reached at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,
Rachel Young
47 Tyndale St Roslindale, MA 02131-2303
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jen Parks <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:34:04 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:34:05 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Jen Parks
52 Penfield St Roslindale, MA 02131-2441
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: THERESA OKOKON [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:22:32 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:22:33 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
THERESA OKOKON
35 Manning St # 2 Boston, MA 02131-3914
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Deanna Libby O Connor <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:16:39 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:16:40 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Deanna Libby O Connor
38 Hawthorne St Roslindale, MA 02131-3602
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Carolyn French [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:05:52 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:05:53 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Carolyn French
90 Florian St Jamaica Plain, MA 02130-4608
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Allison Jacobs Friedmann <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:01:26 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 6:01:27 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. The school's students deserve a new building and a single location for the school.

Some opponents of the school have said that it will create traffic. I believe that waiting in traffic for a minute or two is well worth it to ensure that all the children of our city are educated well. Many of the opponents have cited the fact that most of the kids reside outside Roslindale as a reason not to house the school. There is a serious case of NIMBY going on. Our whole city is responsible for the education of all of our kids. Every neighborhood needs to shoulder the burden of housing schools. No one is exempt. When people talk about where the students are coming from and the students happen to be mostly of color, it smacks of racism. Much of their language has included coded racist terms like "urban elements." Any elected official who supports them in their quest to maintain racial segregation is also complicit.

Some of the opposition is hiding behind the idea that they are anti-charter school. However, this school already has charter seats and students. Whether they have a building or not, they will continue to run their school. Having the school building does not change the number of students they serve or the amount of money they get from the state. And I am in touch with many of the most ardent anti-charter activists in the city. They are supporting this building because they despise the racism behind the opposition. And because they know that the building does not change the charter school landscape.

A school is one of the best possible uses of the land at 361 Belgrade. We have enough over-priced condos. Building a school on this property will give Roxbury Prep students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Allison Jacobs Friedmann
615 South St Roslindale, MA 02131-1701
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Corinne Bourgoïn <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 5:47:00 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 5:47:01 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Corinne Bourgoïn
68 Robert St Roslindale, MA 02131-2427
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Kathleen Gomperts <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 5:32:29 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 5:32:30 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

I have friends who live in Roslindale and West Roxbury whose children attend Roxbury Prep, why shouldn't their children get a new school?

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Gomperts
105 Grew Ave # B Roslindale, MA 02131-4677
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Brian Sant <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 5:10:57 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 5:10:58 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Brian Sant
26 Highfield Rd Unit 3 Roslindale, MA 02131-4531
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Wiley Cox <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 5:04:39 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 5:04:40 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options. I truly feel this is a good use of the space currently occupied by a defunct tire shop, and a relatively unattractive used vehicle storage lot.

As an engaged resident of Boston, and someone who lives only several blocks away from this location, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Wiley Cox
48 Bradfield Ave # 1 Roslindale, MA 02131-1934
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Carla Cornejo <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 4:33:44 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 4:33:44 PM GMT-04:00

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I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Roslindale, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Carla Cornejo
118 Knoll St Boston, MA 02131-1434
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Rebecca Brink <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 4:19:58 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 4:19:58 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Brink
27 Farquhar St Roslindale, MA 02131-1507
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Mark Destler <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 3:18:39 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 3:18:40 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Roslindale with a toddler whom I expect to attend Public Boston Schools, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Mark Destler
35 Sherwood St # 2 Roslindale, MA 02131-3729
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Russell Holman <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 3:05:28 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 3:05:28 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Russell Holman
62 Glendower Rd Roslindale, MA 02131-4555
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Kristin Schaefer <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 3:01:44 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 3:01:45 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Kristin Schaefer
389 Park St West Roxbury, MA 02132-2154
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Kim Holman <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 2:58:02 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 2:58:03 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Kim Holman
62 Glendower Rd Roslindale, MA 02131-4555
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Terry Crowley <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 2:50:22 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 2:50:23 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Terry Crowley
26 Maple Ter West Roxbury, MA 02132-1832
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Christopher Lang <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 2:30:24 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 2:30:25 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Christopher Lang
64 Metropolitan Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-4120
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Lisa Wong [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 1:14:23 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 1:14:24 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Lisa Wong
15 Morey Rd West Roxbury, MA 02132-7717
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Yakun Enos <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 12:43:01 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, August 20, 2018 12:43:02 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Yakun Enos
29 Harrison St Roslindale, MA 02131-2164
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Elizabeth Shinzawa <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, August 18, 2018 12:08:50 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Saturday, August 18, 2018 12:08:51 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I live very close to 361 Belgrade and would like you to support the new school.

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Shinzawa
47 Bradwood St Roslindale, MA 02131-2721
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Linda McMahan <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 2:20:04 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 2:20:05 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options. And the addition of this building will add value to this neighborhood.

As an engaged resident of Roslindale and a proud parent of two BPS educated children, I firmly ask for your strong support of this project.

Sincerely,
Linda McMahan
15 Hemman St Boston, MA 02131-4529
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Michael Busack <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 4:26:30 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 4:26:30 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Michael Busack
704 Randolph Ave Milton, MA 02186-4527
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Mary Roderick [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, August 3, 2018 8:45:01 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, August 3, 2018 8:45:02 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Mary Roderick
120 Metropolitan Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-4208
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Annalynn Lacombe <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 8:35:57 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 8:35:57 PM GMT-04:00

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The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Annalynn Lacombe
79 Metropolitan Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-4119
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Margret Bell <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 8:18:33 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 8:18:34 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Margret Bell
27 Bexley Rd Roslindale, MA 02131-2520
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Philip Benevides <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 2:16:17 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 2:16:18 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale.

FAILURE TO APPROVE AN INVESTMENT IN BOSTON'S SCHOOL SYSTEM WOULD BE CRIMINAL. DO NOT LET SPECIAL INTERESTS LIMIT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOSTON'S CHILDREN.

As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Philip Benevides
72 Aldrich St Roslindale, MA 02131-2758

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Margaret Dunbar <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 12:05:13 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 12:05:48 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options. As a resident who travels through this area on a regular basis, I feel the students' use of public transit will keep the traffic level at or near its current level.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Margaret Dunbar
65 Catherine St Roslindale, MA 02131-2228
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: David Joseph <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 3:40:54 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, July 30, 2018 3:40:55 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
David Joseph
32 Wellsmere Rd Roslindale, MA 02131-3427
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: James Gallagher <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 3:28:48 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, July 30, 2018 3:28:49 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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I, along with my wife and three children, live on Kenneth Street, a short walk from the proposed school site. We strongly support Roxbury Prep and look forward to sharing our neighborhood with the Roxbury Prep community.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
James Gallagher
42 Kenneth St West Roxbury, MA 02132-2023
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Heather Gamache <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 3:19:46 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, July 30, 2018 3:19:47 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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I (along with my husband and three children) live on Kenneth Street, up the street from the proposed site, and use the Bellevue commuter rail station to access the commuter rail. We strongly support quality public schools and look forward to sharing the neighborhood with the Roxbury Prep community.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Heather Gamache
42 Kenneth St West Roxbury, MA 02132-2023
[REDACTED]

At this point, the BPDA has received a Letter of Intent from Roxbury Prep Belgrade Avenue, LLC (the "Proponent") which outlines the Proponent's proposal for the site and desire to enter into the Article 80 Review Process. The Article 80 Review Process does not officially begin until a Project Notification Form ("PNF") has been received by the BPDA from the Proponent. Once a PNF has been filed, the 30-day public comment period begins, during which time public meetings will be held.

On behalf of Director Golden, thank you for taking the time to share your comments with the BPDA. Your concerns have been added to our project file. We look forward to continuing to work with the Roslindale and West Roxbury communities throughout the Article 80 Review Process.

Sincerely,
Colin Donnelly



Colin T. Donnelly
Special Assistant to the Director
[REDACTED] (o)

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One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
|
Boston, MA 02201
bostonplans.org

On Thu, Jul 5, 2018 at 12:38 PM, Eileen Ball <noreply@123formbulletin.io> wrote:

Name	Eileen Ball
Address	27 Newburg street Roslindale 02131
Email	[REDACTED]
Message	I am deeply upset about the proposal to build a high school at 361 Belgrade Avenue . I honestly do not think that racism is at the heart if the matter.

The increased density in that specific area will become much worse with a new set of apartments going up. I believe this school, with its size and limited parking, not to mention lack of facilities will create an impenetrable wedge between the West Roxbury and Roslindale communities. Businesses in both areas will suffer from the congestion.

As a home owner, I am watching parking become more and more difficult for current residents, and the length of time and line of cars for me to enter onto Belgrade from my street has grown exponentially.

I formally oppose the proposed [361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale](#) site for the new Roxbury Prep High School which will house too many students. Fewer than 200 will be too many students.

the immediate area cannot handle such an influx of people.

I am a proponent of the development of this site and agree with the consensus of the immediately impacted neighborhoods that

this project is not appropriate for this location.

Please, some green!

Thanks for reading this
Eileen Ball



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On Wed, Jul 25, 2018 at 7:54 PM, NENA NEGRON <noreply@125formburda.com> wrote:

Name	NENA NEGRON
Address	201 PARK STREET WEST ROXBURY 02132
Email	[REDACTED]@GMAIL.COM
Message	I am writing to formally oppose the proposed 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale site for the new Roxbury Prep High School which will house up to 900 individuals.

The neighborhood believes that the site for this number of commuting individuals is not safe. That the immediate area cannot handle such an influx of people. In addition, the facility does not provide adequate space for the headcount it is planning to serve.

I am a proponent of the development of this site and agree with the consensus of the immediately impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

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Colin T. Donnelly

Special Assistant to the Director

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Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Gragor Joseph [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 11:42:32 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 11:42:33 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Gragor Joseph
31 Ethel St Boston, MA 02131-4503
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Conor Dowley <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 10:25:16 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, July 23, 2018 10:25:16 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Conor Dowley
978 South St Boston, MA 02131-2314
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Edith Rees <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, July 21, 2018 3:49:38 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Saturday, July 21, 2018 3:49:39 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

As some of you may know, my husband Mark Katz and I were very active in the 2016 "No on 2" campaign; and we have always been in support of public schools that allow unions and don't fill the coffers of out-of-state, for-profit educational corporations. However, I have been disgusted by the racist NIMBYism of some of my neighbors. Yes, all our Boston Public Schools should offer equal access to the highest quality education. But meanwhile, it makes sense to support this particular school's student body, and their right to thrive in a new campus. The arguments about traffic are bogus because 90% of these students travel by public transportation. Plus, they will have a reverse commute. Here is an opportunity to stand up to the racism in our neighborhood and confront it with facts (remember those?) and with a new spirit of inclusive understanding.

Sincerely,
Edith Rees
270 Beech St Roslindale, MA 02131-3331
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Sheila Pimentel <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 5:18:32 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, July 20, 2018 5:18:32 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Sheila Pimentel
71 Old Landing Way Charlestown, MA 02129-2348
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Alix Cantave <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 11:07:15 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 11:07:17 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Alix Cantave
58 Durnell Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-2909
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Katherine Chousa <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 5:26:49 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 5:26:49 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I hope you read this as it is not only genuine but important. I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. I'm not from the city but am fortunate to live here now and hope to be starting a family here. Kids nowadays and more than ever need a space to be together and be able to thrive with one another. These scholars will be able to be in one space where they can bounce off each other, encourage each other, and have support that they may not be getting anywhere else.

Do I want added traffic, by cars or foot? No because I commute to work using the bus on Belgrade. But do I think it will add THAT much more? No. I don't worry about it because school hours are the hours I'm at work so if parents or whomever want to drive, it won't affect most of the people who are protesting it. There is a police station down the road where kids can see a positive role model and police presence. There is Roche Bros which is always seemingly hiring so kids who need jobs after school can apply. Overall, as with anything there are pros and cons but the pros just seem to vastly outweigh the cons.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Katherine Chousa
85 Tyndale St Roslindale, MA 02131-2325
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: catherine MacAulay <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 4:07:12 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, July 16, 2018 4:07:12 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options. Its an opportunity for Boston to finally focus on improving and strengthening the multicultural environment and experience for students, teachers and quite frankly members of our community. Boston continues to lag behind with addressing the need for improved multicultural learning environments for all students in Boston. (The diversity in the three existing exam schools is deplorable and nothing to be proud of.)Why not let all our students in Boston have the opportunity to learn in a healthy and stimulating environment, that has basic necessities such as a cafeteria and a gym? Any excuse that the space is not right, such as parking, traffic, building codes is all an effort to avoid the real issue that some residents don't want the school here for concerns of "those students" in our neighborhood.

West Roxbury/Roslindale residents should to proud to have the school join our community, and embrace a multicultural opportunities to help our future leaders. As an engaged resident of Boston, West Roxbury, I welcome the school and the students. I ask for your support of this project and would be glad to talk with you. If this doesn't pass it will be yet one more opportunity that Boston let slip-by that could help us be a proud example of a strong multicultural city. The Boston Globe's Spotlight series pointed to education as a major concern regarding racism- let's stop it now. A new day. Boston needs to more forward not backwards.

Sincerely, Catherine MacAulay
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,
catherine MacAulay
25 Midvale Rd West Roxbury, MA 02132-1805
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Celdra Allen <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, July 9, 2018 9:29:42 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, July 9, 2018 9:29:44 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Celdra Allen
158 Aldrich St Roslindale, MA 02131-2753
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Lise Bradford <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, July 6, 2018 7:17:40 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, July 6, 2018 7:17:41 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I fully support the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. It is high time that our neighborhood had it's own High School, and I would welcome the students of Roxbury Prep to our neighborhood with open arms. I hope that one day my young son will have a school of that quality to attend in the neighborhood.

As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options. But I also believe the schools relocation to Roslindale would benefit our community. The stretch of Belgrade between Roslindale Village and West Roxbury feels blighted, to be honest. The street is littered with rubbish and many vacant store fronts and shuttered windows. Having the additional foot traffic and community of students and educators could be the impetus for a the area around Bellevue station to get some business and neighborliness.

Finally, I find the rhetoric by some of my neighbors who oppose this school to be disturbing. Roslindale, and Boston at large, should aspire to welcome students from all races and backgrounds without resorting to euphemistic and racialized language. I hope that once the school moves here, we can all show them the respect and welcome that they deserve at this early stage of their lives.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Lise Bradford
10 Guernsey St Roslindale, MA 02131-1925
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Susan Roe <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, July 4, 2018 4:23:35 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, July 4, 2018 4:23:37 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale.

The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

There are numerous other schools in the vicinity, so it strikes me as odd that there is so much resistance to this school coming to the neighborhood, especially in the low-traffic Bellevue Hill area we live in.

I think opposing this high school, when there are at least 4 other schools very nearby, sends an odd message.

As an engaged resident of West Roxbury, I ask for your support of this project.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Susan Roe
79 Woodard Rd West Roxbury, MA 02132-2727
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Dan King <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, July 4, 2018 2:04:54 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, July 4, 2018 2:04:55 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Dan King
53 Westbourne St Roslindale, MA 02131-3326

~~[REDACTED]~~

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Irma Cruz <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Sunday, July 1, 2018 2:14:56 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Sunday, July 1, 2018 2:14:58 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Irma Cruz
283 Georgetowne Dr Hyde Park, MA 02136-1017
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Mark Bauer <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, June 30, 2018 3:47:53 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Saturday, June 30, 2018 3:47:54 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

The Roxbury Prep move to 361 Belgrade on the Rozzie/WX line deserves a fair and un-politicized hearing before the BPDA. I know that Senator Rush, Councilor McCarthy, and a number of others who represent me have come out against the move. This move would be a concrete, specific step towards desegregating our highly segregated city. I pledge to support the school by volunteering should it move to my neighborhood (Rozzie). Make Boston more resilient--take this concrete step to desegregate SW Boston!

Sincerely,
Mark Bauer
29 Sycamore St Roslindale, MA 02131-3647
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Neal Daringer <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, June 30, 2018 10:03:32 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Saturday, June 30, 2018 10:03:34 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Neal Daringer
41 Lorraine St Boston, MA 02131-2733
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: MARJORIE BYRD <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, June 30, 2018 8:21:15 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Saturday, June 30, 2018 8:21:16 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
MARJORIE BYRD
434 Washington St Apt 1 Dorchester Ctr, MA 02124-1158
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: LeRoy Atkinson <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, June 30, 2018 1:28:05 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Saturday, June 30, 2018 1:28:05 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
LeRoy Atkinson
52 Alpheus Rd Roslindale, MA 02131-4915
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Shane Dunn <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 10:21:47 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 29, 2018 10:24:50 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Shane Dunn
337 E St # 2 South Boston, MA 02127-1927
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Richard Impert <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 4:50:54 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 29, 2018 4:50:56 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Richard Impert
44 Highcrest Ter Boston, MA 02131-4827
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Ava Delevante-Atkinson <~~ava.delevante@comcast.net~~>
To: ~~aisling.kerr@comcast.net~~
Date Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 11:52:07 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 29, 2018 11:52:08 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

My daughter attends the Roxbury Prep Mission Hill school and I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Ava Delevante-Atkinson
52 Alpheus Rd Roslindale, MA 02131-4915
~~ava.delevante@comcast.net~~

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Philip Gedarovich <~~philipgedarovich@gmail.com~~>
To: ~~aislingkerr@boston.gov~~
Date Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 10:43:15 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 29, 2018 10:43:15 AM GMT-04:00

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I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Philip Gedarovich
102 Cass St West Roxbury, MA 02132-4427
~~philipgedarovich@gmail.com~~

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Amber Wilkin <~~amber.wilkin@oxw.com~~>
To: ~~aisling.kerr@oxw.com~~
Date Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 10:31:37 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 29, 2018 10:31:37 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Amber Wilkin
102 Cass St West Roxbury, MA 02132-4427
~~amber.wilkin@oxw.com~~

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Euribiades Valdez <euribiadesvaldez@boston.gov>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 9:21:14 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 29, 2018 9:21:15 AM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Euribiades Valdez
221 W Harvard St Brockton, MA 02301-5123
[REDACTED]

Subject: 361 Belgrade Street

From: Maureen Hickey [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 8:27:29 PM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Thursday, June 7, 2018 8:27:31 PM GMT-04:00

Hi Aisling,

I am an abutter to 361 Belgrade Street on 133 Tyndale Street. I am not sure if I am in the radius of required notifications, but I am very interested the project. I support the concept of a quality high school in this location. I would like to make sure I am informed of any future public meetings and when the PNF/public comment period is open. Please add me to your distribution list.

Thank you,
Mauren Hickey

[REDACTED]
133 Tyndale Street
Roslindale, MA 02131
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Meredith Flannery <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 12:42:13 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 12:42:14 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Meredith Flannery
252 Roslindale Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-3303
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Shelly Rambo <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 8:57:08 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 8:57:09 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Shelly Rambo
11 Congreve St # 2 Roslindale, MA 02131-1913
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: "Maria R. Carmona" <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Sunday, June 24, 2018 6:20:42 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Sunday, June 24, 2018 6:20:43 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Maria R. Carmona
4100 Washington St Roslindale, MA 02131-1720
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

From: Elana Wolkoff <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Sunday, June 24, 2018 5:51:58 PM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Sunday, June 24, 2018 5:51:59 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

Elana Wolkoff

9 Denton Ter Roslindale, MA 02131-4112

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Molly Lawless [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Sunday, June 24, 2018 2:37:57 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Sunday, June 24, 2018 2:37:58 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Molly Lawless
39 Rexhame St Roslindale, MA 02131-2739
[REDACTED]

Subject: Supporters of Roxbury Prep

From: Kate Armstrong <karmstrong@uncommonschoools.org>

To: "brian.golden@boston.gov" <brian.golden@boston.gov>, "aisling.kerr@boston.gov" <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>, "jerome.smith@boston.gov" <jerome.smith@boston.gov>, "michael.christopher@boston.gov" <michael.christopher@boston.gov>

Date Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 8:10:14 PM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Thursday, June 21, 2018 8:10:19 PM GMT-04:00

Attachments: Postcards from Roslindale and West Roxbury Supporters.pdf, Letters from Roslindale and West Roxbury Supporters.pdf

Hello,

I hope this email finds you all well!

Last week, an event in support of Roxbury Prep was held by abutters at their home in West Roxbury. With over 50 supporters in attendance, we are grateful for the growing network of support in Roslindale and West Roxbury. We want to share some of the messages from supporters of the project with you. Attached are copies of postcards and letters collected by Roslindale and West Roxbury residents asking for your support of the project, many of whom are abutters or residents within the direct vicinity of the proposed site. Please take a moment to read their passionate thoughts on our project.

Thank you, and we look forward to continuing the conversation about Roxbury Prep.

Best,
Kate Armstrong

Kate Armstrong
Associate Chief Operating Officer
Uncommon Schools | Boston

120 Fisher Avenue
Roxbury, MA 02120

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Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

I HAVE LIVED IN WEST
ROXBURY (BELLEVUE HILL)
OVER 30 YEARS.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT
ROXBURY PREP'S
PROPOSED LOCATION.

Thank you,

Name: MARGARET JALE

Address: 16 ORIOLE ST
WEST ROXBURY MA
02132

Mr. Brian Golden

Boston Planning & Development Agency

1 City Hall Square

Ninth Floor

Boston, MA 02201



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

Mr Golden

I support this project

100% & I am a true

believer. Thank you!!

Thank you,

Name: John Ryad

Address: 11 Rhoda St-
West Roxbury 02132

Mr. Brian Golden

Boston Planning & Development Agency

1 City Hall Square

Ninth Floor

Boston, MA 02201



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

I live on Tyndale St
and use the Bellevue
station to commute.
I know the site and
think it would be a
great place for a school.
Thank you,

Name: Rachel Young
Address: 47 Tyndale St
Roslindale

Mr. Brian Golden
Boston Planning & Development Agency
1 City Hall Square
Ninth Floor
Boston, MA 02201



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

I live 2 blocks from
the site and am very
excited about having
more school choices in
my neighborhood for my
children.
Thank you,

Name: Elizabeth Vondrak
Address: 23 REXHAME ST.
ROSLINDALE MA 02131

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Boston Planning & Development Agency
1 City Hall Square
Ninth Floor
Boston, MA 02201



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

*I am a resident of West
Roxbury for 19 years.
I believe we should
support Roxbury Prep
to enhance our neighborhood
and offer equity to
Kids.*

Thank you,

Name:

Anne Harvey

Address:

53 Stratford St.

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Boston Planning & Development Agency

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Ninth Floor

Boston, MA 02201



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Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

*I am very much in
favor of having Roxbury
Prep in our neighborhood.
I will call my Senator, Rep
and City Council members
and let them know how I feel.*

Thank you,

Name:

Marybeth NOONAN

Address:

*56 Wren St.
West Roxbury, MA
02132*

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1 City Hall Square

Ninth Floor

Boston, MA 02201



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school! And
as such, I implore you to
give the kids a chance
to learn in a decent loca-
tion, cafeteria, ect.

Thank you,

Name: Sem Michel
Address: 65 Cedarcrest Rd.
W. Roxbury MA 02132

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Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!
Roslindale + West Roxbury
Need a high performing
high school. We need
this school.

Thank you,

Name: Scott Bartolotto
Address: 10 Rhoda St.
West Roxbury MA 02132

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Ninth Floor
Boston, MA 02201



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

This project fits the
community I am proud
of.

Thank you,

Name: Heera Sullivan

Address: 137 Cornell St
Roslindale, MA

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Boston, MA 02201



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

EVERY KID DESERVES
A FAIR SHOT
EVERY KID !!

Thank you,

Name: Michael Shor

Address: 134 Berry St
Roslindale MA 02131

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Boston, MA 02201



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

*These children are
our future. Please
support this much-
needed school.*

Thank you,

Ellen Adams

Name:

Ellen Adams

Address:

*20 ELHODA ST
WEST ROXBURY 02132*

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Boston, MA 02201



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

*W Rox^{Rozz} needs a quality
high school. This is a GREAT
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE STUDENTS OF
BOSTON.*

Thank you,

Name:

Nancy Dale

Address:

*ST. WREN ST.
W Roxbury, MA 02132*

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Ninth Floor
Boston, MA 02201



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

We need more public schools. As a Roslindale resident, we need a high school in our neighborhood!

Thank you,

Name: Joe DeMasi

Address: 39 Tyndale St.
Roslindale, MA 02131

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Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

As a Roslindale resident (Tyndale St.), a parent and a teacher, I 100% support this project. Of course I encourage people in our city have top class education in a new building.

Thank you,

Name: Emily Adams

Address: 73 Tyndale St
Roslindale, MA

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Boston, MA 02201



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Schools!

ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

I'm a mother to two promising
Bostonians, age 4 and 3 mos.
I want to see them flourish
here at a school in the city.
Please support school growth.

Thank you,

Name: Raina Sartucci
Address: 81 Tyndale St
Roslindale, MA 02131

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Boston, MA 02201



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Councilor McCarthy,

I am a constituent of yours and I strongly
support the Roxbury Prep high school
proposed for 361 Belgrade Avenue.

These students need + deserve
a permanent home + 361
Belgrade is the perfect site
for it. Thank you!

Thank you,

Name: Tasha
Tasha Calliste
Address: 4504 Washington St
Roslindale, MA 02131

The Honorable Timothy
McCarthy
1 City Hall Square
Suite 550
Boston, MA 02201-2043



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

Roslindale + West
Roxbury could use this
school!

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Thank you,

Name: Mary Tamer
Address: 20 Maxfield St.
West Roxbury MA 02132



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I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

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Thank you,

Name: Bella Soderberg
Address: 24 Rhoda St.
West Roxbury



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Dear Councilor McCarthy,

I am a constituent of yours and I strongly support the Roxbury Prep high school proposed for 361 Belgrade Avenue.

AS A PARENT AND
RESIDENT, I ASK FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you,

Name: ANGEL ZAYAS

Address: 88 FAUNDALE RD.
ROSLINDALE, MA 02131

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McCarthy
1 City Hall Square
Suite 550
Boston, MA 02201-2043



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ROXBURY PREP

Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

I am excited
about this project in
our neighborhood and
the city at large!

Thank you,

Name: MOLLY GOLDSON

Address: 113 FAUNDALE ST.
ROSLINDALE, MA 02131

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Boston, MA 02201



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Dear Councilor McCarthy,

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*Roxbury
prep will
be a great
neighbor!*

Thank you,

Name: Alvertis fernandez

Address: 16 stellman #3
rosindale 02131

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McCarthy
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Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

*We welcome this
school to our neighborhood!*

Thank you,

Name: Randi Laufman

Address: 52 montvale St.
Rosindale, MA 02131

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Boston, MA 02201



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Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

Please allow this school
high-quality into my neighborhood!
Thank you,
Pamela M. Fair

Thank you,

Name: Pamela M. Fair

Address: 30 Colberg Ave.
Roslindale, MA 02131-2124

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Boston, MA 02201



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Dear Mr. Golden,

I support Roxbury Prep's new high school!

I want a quality
school in my
neighborhood!

Thank you,

Name: Maureen Hickey

Address: 133 Tyndale St
Roslindale MA 02131

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Dear Councilor McCarthy,

I am a constituent of yours and I strongly support the Roxbury Prep high school proposed for 361 Belgrade Avenue.

Our scholars really deserve this. We're counting on you!

Thank you,

Name: Elijah Hodge
Address: 27 Blue Water Drive
Rosindale, MA 02131

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McCarthy
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Suite 550
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Dear Councilor McCarthy,

I am a constituent of yours and I strongly support the Roxbury Prep high school proposed for 361 Belgrade Avenue.

Muchas gracias!

Thank you,

Name: Sara Sarai Montemroso
Address: 28 Aldrich Street
Rosindale, MA 02131

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Thank you,

Name: Joe Boyd Vigil

Address: 60 Greenton Rd
West Roxbury, MA 02132



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Thank you,

Name: Christine Bortolotto

Address: 10 Rhoda St.
W.R., MA 02132



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Thank you,

Name:

Kathy Reis

Address:

*50 Beant
02201*



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Thank you,

Name: Ezinne Obisiaku

Address: 78 highest terrace Rosindale



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Dear Mr. Golden,

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Thank you,

Name: Jennifer Kampinski.

Address: 159 Beech St.
Rosindale 02131



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Thank you,

Name:

Wilbert Yates

Address:

*41 Beaconland Circle
Roslindale*



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Thank you,

Name:

Sandra Ferrandes

Address:

105 Archdale, MA Roslindale, MA 02131



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Thank you,

Name: Doreen Agola
Address: 136 Beech St
Rosindale, Ma 02131



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Thank you,

Name: Parthena Sarvidis
Address: 39 Walter St
Rosindale ma
02131



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Thank you,

Name: Leigh Kempinski.

Address: 159 Beech St.
Roslindale 02131



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Thank you,

Name: Kathy Fanti

Address: 543 Beek St.
Roslindale 02131



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Thank you,

Name: Stacey Ann Grant

Address: 1 Conway St 35
Roslindale, Ma 02131



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Thank you,

Name: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Erica Jones

Address: 3911 North Park Ave
Roslindale



May 1, 2018

Mr. Brian Golden, Director
Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201

RE: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

Dear Mr. Brian Golden,

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The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

NAME: Elijah Hodge
ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):
27 Blue Ledge Drive
Roslindale, MA 02131

CC:

Mr. Jerome Smith, Chief of Civic Engagement
Michael Christopher, Deputy Director of Development/Government Affairs, BPDA
Boston City Councilor Tim McCarthy
Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell
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December 1, 2017

Mr. Brian Golden, Director
Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201

RE: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave

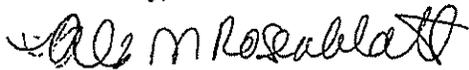
Dear Mr. Brian Golden,

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The location at 361 Belgrade will give my scholar access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, and a concerned parent/guardian of a Roxbury Prep student, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,



NAME: Alexis Rosenblatt
ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):
30 Doncaster Street
Roslindale, MA 02121

CC:

Mr. Jerome Smith, Chief of Civic Engagement
Boston City Councilor Tim McCarthy
Boston City Council President Michelle Wu
Boston City Councilor Michael Flaherty
Boston City Councilor Annissa Essaibi George
Boston City Councilor Ayanna Pressley

This is a tremendous opportunity for the residents of Roslindale and RPP students & families. I fully support this initiative.

May 1, 2018

Mr. Brian Golden, Director
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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

NAME: Keyla Mercedes

ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):

60 Brookway Rd, #510
Roslindale MA 02131

CC:

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1 de mayo de 2018

Mr. Brian Golden, Director
Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201

RE: Apoyo para el proyecto de Roxbury Prep High School propuesto en 361 Belgrade Avenue

Estimado Mr. Brian Golden,

Le escribo para expresar mi apoyo dedicado al proyecto de Roxbury Prep High School propuesto en 361 Belgrade Avenue en Roslindale. Como sabrá, nuestros estudiantes actualmente se encuentran distribuidos en dos ubicaciones temporales a más de tres millas de distancia, y tienen una cafetería, un gimnasio, o espacios de artes escénicas suficiente.

La ubicación en 361 Belgrado le dará a mi estudiante acceso a las instalaciones de un solo sitio que se merecen, todo a minutos de varias opciones de tránsito de MBTA.

Como residente de Boston, le pido su apoyo a este proyecto.

Sinceramente,

Sardi Monterroso

NOMBRE: Sardi Monterroso

DIRECCIÓN (numero, calle, barrio):

28 Aldrich Street

Roslindale, MA 02131

CC:

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May 1, 2018

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

NAME: FINGEL ZAYAS

ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):

88 FAUNDALE RD.
ROSLINDALE, MA 02131

CC:

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

NAME: Minian Gomez

ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):

110 Fawcible Rd
02131 Apt. 1

CC:

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January 2, 2018

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

NAME: Sandra Fernandes

ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):

105 Archdale, Rd # 378
Roslindale, MA 02131

CC:

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Michael Christopher, Deputy Director of Development/Government Affairs, BPDA
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January 2, 2018

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

NAME: Carlene England

ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):

105B Braden St.
Roslindale, MA 02131

CC:

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

NAME: Wilbert Nuts

ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):

41 Beechland circle
Roslindale, MA 02131

CC:

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May 1, 2018

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project. !

Sincerely,



NAME: Tasia Callisto

ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):

4504 Washington St.
Roslindale, MA 02131

CC:

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

NAME: Shirley Price Vann

ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):

381 Birch St Roslindale

02131

CC:

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May 1, 2018

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Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

NAME: Mercy Hernandez

ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):

85 Archdale Rd
Roslindale, MA, 02131

CC:

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Sincerely,

NAME: alvertis fernandez

ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):

16 stellman #3
roslindale 02134

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2 de febrero de 2018

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Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
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RE: Apoyo para el proyecto de Roxbury Prep High School propuesto en 361 Belgrade Avenue

Estimado Mr. Brian Golden,

Le escribo para expresar mi apoyo dedicado al proyecto de Roxbury Prep High School propuesto en 361 Belgrade Avenue en Roslindale. Como sabrá, nuestros estudiantes actualmente se encuentran distribuidos en dos ubicaciones temporales a más de tres millas de distancia, y tienen una cafetería, un gimnasio, o espacios de artes escénicas suficiente.

La ubicación en 361 Belgrado le dará a mi estudiante acceso a las instalaciones de un solo sitio que se merecen, todo a minutos de varias opciones de tránsito de MBTA.

Como residente de Boston, le pido su apoyo a este proyecto.

Sinceramente,

NOMBRE:

DIRECCIÓN (numero, calle, barrio):

Elena Torres
391 Hyde Park Ave
Roslindale, MA 02131

CC:

Mr. Jerome Smith, Chief of Civic Engagement
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Sincerely,

NAME: Kathy Familiar

ADDRESS (number, street, neighborhood):

543 Beech St
Roslindale 02131

CC:

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Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Patricia Rider <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 12:07:37 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 22, 2018 12:07:38 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Patricia Rider
19 Rhoda St West Roxbury, MA 02132-1226
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Mary Tamer [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 8:13:18 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 8:13:18 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Mary Tamer
28 Maxfield St West Roxbury, MA 02132-2919
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: michael shor <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 2:00:34 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 2:00:35 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I had the opportunity to attend two informational meeting at Area E and at one literally felt like I might as well have been at a KKK rally. Having lived in this neighborhood for 36 years, i had actually thought we had made some progress. But what I heard disturbed me very deeply. As the parent of three who all attended BPS I know just how limited options are for high school students who would like to go to school in the neighborhood.

Of course the public stated argument against is the parking situation. I have listened to teh parking and traffic study conducted by teh school, but perhaps it would make sense to commision an independent study and assess those results.

No doubt, the forces lined up against this are well organized. I trust as our representatives you will have a bit more courage than the bozos in Washington.

All the children in our city deserve a decent education and our neighborhood should have a high school...

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
michael shor
134 Beech St Roslindale, MA 02131-2716
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Contact Us Submission: # 3491 // Housing
From: Rachel Poliner <[redacted]@earthlink.net>
To: Emily Wieja <[redacted]@boston.gov>
Cc: Aisling Kerr <[redacted]@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 10:04:54 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 10:04:56 AM GMT-04:00

Hi Emily and Aisling,

If you want more information on what I meant about effective and ineffective process, I'd be happy to talk this summer. June is too busy to write or say more. But, there is much more that can be said. I help schools manage change processes. If someone wanted the 361 Belgrade project to be intentionally polarizing, they'd have done what the school did. And, if the city wants more housing and more Main-Streets-friendly development, the process for 400 Belgrade should have been different too.

If you want some input on process for the sake of future projects, let me know. I hope you do; there is no need to set up residents for such awful processes. We deserve better. And your projects would go through more easily (when they're worth going through).

Rachel Poliner

On Jun 19, 2018, at 9:14 AM, Emily Wieja <[redacted]@boston.gov> wrote:

Hello Rachel,

Thank you for contacting the Boston Planning & Development Agency. I am copying Aisling Kerr, project manager, to direct your comments.

Don't hesitate to let me know if I can be of further assistance.



Emily Wieja
Web Content Manager
[redacted]

Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)
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On Tue, Jun 19, 2018 at 8:35 AM, <[redacted]@earthlink.net> wrote:
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Subject: Re: Contact Us Submission: # 3491 // Housing
From: Emily Wieja <emily.wieja@boston.gov>
To: rpoliner@earthlink.net; Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>
Cc: BRAWebcontent <BRAWebContent@boston.gov>, Mary Mendonca <mary.mendonca@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 9:14:21 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 9:14:42 AM GMT-04:00

Hello Rachel,

Thank you for contacting the Boston Planning & Development Agency. I am copying Aisling Kerr, project manager, to direct your comments.

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Emily Wieja
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First Name: Rachel

Last Name: Poliner

Organization:

Email: rpoliner@earthlink.net

Street Address: [44 Clement Ave](#)

Address Line 2:

City: West Roxbury

Subject: mary.mendonca@boston.gov Housing

State: MA

Phone: [REDACTED]

Zip: 02132

Comments: I'm writing about the projects at 400 Belgrade and 361 Belgrade on the Roslindale/West Roxbury line. I live 1 block from 400 Belgrade, 2 blocks from 361. I know that 400 Belgrade has been approved, I hope with an adjustment of pulling back from the narrow corner at Beech/Belgrade so that visibility at that intersection is improved. I wish that the City would use this (and any) opportunity to make safer intersections; a second one could happen if a cross-walk for 400 Belgrade crosses Beech St just north of the Kenneth St intersection, making the Beech/Kenneth St intersection safer with more visibility. Otherwise, we obviously need more housing and I appreciate the modifications that the developer made so far so that the building won't be 5 stories tall towering over the neighborhood. I still worry about the eventual people who will live in a building on a traffic island (with traffic going in both directions on all sides), but if adjustments are made, the project could make the intersections safer for everyone. (Has anybody studied if Beech St needs to be made one-way?) As for 361 Belgrade, I'd rather see another apartment building, including more affordable units. Housing would fit that lot more effectively than a school. (If a school is to be built, it should be a BPS school, not a charter that's part of a chain controlled by a company located on Broadway, NYC. Who will the City be paying rent to for the lease on that land?) I do not have and will not have a "Stop 361 Belgrade" sign in my yard. It's a complicated issue; the sign is too blunt, too easy to assign unintended meanings. I am, however, against Roxbury Prep being built at 361 Belgrade. As a process point, since I assume that the BPDA wants to develop and isn't actually trying to alienate residents in the neighborhoods, both projects involved badly rolled out processes for community information and input, though the school's process was far worse, seemingly a deliberately polarizing process. There are so many, many, many ways they could have conducted the process more effectively. Their process leaves a stain on them, on the neighborhood, on the BPDA and on the Mayor.

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Katina Tsongas <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 4:04:50 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 4:04:51 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your vocal support of this project.

Sincerely,
Katina Tsongas
57 Hewlett St Boston, MA 02131-1509
[REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: Location of Roxbury Prep
From: Kristina Ricco <kristina.ricco@boston.gov>
To: Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 9:34:06 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 9:34:07 AM GMT-04:00

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Kristina Ricco

Senior Planner

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From: Elena Flynn <EFlynn@msn.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 18, 2018 at 5:01 PM
Subject: Location of Roxbury Prep
To: "Kristina Ricco@boston.gov" <kristina.ricco@boston.gov>, "mayor@boston.gov" <mayor@boston.gov>

Dear Ms. Ricco,

In regard to the proposal to move the existing Roxbury Prep, the Charter School, from Hyde Park to Belgrade Avenue, I have not spoken to one person in both Roslindale and West Roxbury who believe this is a good idea. Traffic wise it is an absolutely terrible decision. Evidently, the group planning this move has not looked into the location. The traffic, both morning and afternoon, is backed up constantly. The parking for teachers and students is insufficient. Buses and drop off areas will be limited. There will be little land for outside activities. No basketball, baseball or football fields. The traffic on the West Roxbury Parkway and the Holy Name Circle is always backed up, especially in the morning hours.

This Charter School should definitely look elsewhere. Hyde Park High School or West Roxbury High School might be alternatives. Also, why not use these monies paid out for these students of Boston to Charter students be better used to upgrade the Boston School System. Many of our schools are in dire need of supplies and physical up-grades. Integrate these students from Roxbury Prep to our Boston High Schools. There is ample space to take care of these 850 students. The taxpayers would prefer using the facilities we have available to them rather than starting over.

Please have the City Counselors and the Boston School Committee get on board and resolve this matter. Thank you for your help on this matter.

Very truly yours,
Elena M. Flynn
Resident and taxpayer since 1955.

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jacqueline Benevides <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 3:18:10 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 18, 2018 3:18:11 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Benevides
72 Aldrich St Roslindale, MA 02131-2758
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: catherine kelley <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 12:55:20 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 18, 2018 12:55:20 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

Dear Mayor Walsh, City Councilors, members of BPDA,

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It is a street with little development currently.

The local restaurants, Tasty Thai, the pizza restaurant would probably get more custom.

I live 3 minutes walk from the Bellevue commuter rail stop. It does not upset me at all to have high school students getting to and from school on the Commuter Rail. The trains are rarely busy

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
catherine kelley
1044 South St # 2 Roslindale, MA 02131-2302
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Paula Olender <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, June 16, 2018 11:09:49 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Saturday, June 16, 2018 11:09:50 PM GMT-04:00

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Sincerely,
Paula Olender
345 Belgrade Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-2777
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: JENNIFER KEMPINSKI <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 10:05:40 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 15, 2018 10:05:41 PM GMT-04:00

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Sincerely,
JENNIFER KEMPINSKI
159 Beech St Roslindale, MA 02131-2714
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Molly Schen <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 9:14:59 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 9:15:00 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am urging you to support the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students. That's crazy!

I was on the planning committee for Boston Green Academy (now located in Brighton). I've been on that Horace Mann charter school's board since its founding, and I know personally, intimately, the struggle that a school has when it has inadequate space to educate young people. After four years in a beautiful but too-cramped space in South Boston, BPS was able to gradually move the school into another beautiful facility, across from Brighton High School.

Roxbury Prep deserves to be in a single location. The site at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Molly Schen
50 Farquhar St Roslindale, MA 02131-1405

[REDACTED]

Subject: Roxbury Prep Project in Roslindale

From: Amanda Mezzetti-Quirk <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 7:28:13 PM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Friday, June 15, 2018 7:28:14 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Mayor Walsh,

I am a Tyndale Street resident; born and bred in Roslindale; attended Boston Public Schools myself; and now have a 1st grader in the Boston Public Schools. I am **in favor of 361 Belgrade Ave as the site for Roxbury Prep**. I believe that a high school option in Roslindale will be a wonderful asset to our neighborhood.

On Tyndale Street alone, there are currently 20 children under the age of 6. Roslindale and West Roxbury in general are full of young families. As I'm sure you know, many parents are committed to staying in the city, but are anxious about current and future choices within the BPS system. To have a successful, high-performing public high school option for my children and their local peers **within** walking distance is something I never thought possible.

I urge you to consider supporting this project. The arguments from detractors about parking and traffic are, frankly, a red herring. 90% of the students will be taking public transportation AND the majority of staff/students will be reverse commuting. School officials have capably addressed parking by adding a garage to their plan. **Let's bring Roxbury Prep to our neighborhood** to give the current students/staff a great surrounding neighborhood, and provide more choice and options to future high school students in our neighborhood.

Thank you,
Amanda Mezzetti-Quirk
28 Tyndale Street
Roslindale, MA 02131

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Emily Adams <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 3:26:39 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 15, 2018 3:26:41 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

As a local Roslindale resident, a mom to 3 children and a public educator, I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students. It seems like a reasonable request that a school with an existing successful charter to be under one roof. The school administration have proved to provide high quality education to not only residents of Roslindale but young people from across our city. Why wouldn't we want to help support this cause?

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Emily Adams
73 Tyndale St Roslindale, MA 02131-2325
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Elizabeth Vondrak <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 2:05:08 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 15, 2018 2:05:09 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale.

I live two blocks from the site and am excited about the prospect of a high school in my neighborhood. As a parent of three BPS students, I know there is a need for more high school choices for families. And even if my children don't attend Roxbury Prep, I look forward to welcoming children, no matter where they live in the city, with a safe neighborhood in which to learn. Furthermore, the location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

Others may say, "Not in my backyard," but I say, "Yes!" and "Put children first!" I ask you to do the same and support this project.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Vondrak
23 Rexhame St Roslindale, MA 02131-2739
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Lara Sullivan <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 1:15:05 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 15, 2018 1:15:06 PM GMT-04:00

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Additionally, I appreciate having a quality High School in this location so it is no longer an eye sore, is value added to the local community and to the City overall, and it's long term impact (economic, integration, diversity) far outweighing mild traffic impact. Further

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Lara Sullivan
137 Cornell St # 2 Roslindale, MA 02131-4543
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Diane Issa <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 10:18:32 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 15, 2018 10:18:33 AM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Diane Issa
92 Florence St Roslindale, MA 02131-2603
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Erik Johnson <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 10:14:19 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Thursday, June 14, 2018 10:14:19 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Erik Johnson
1694 Centre St West Roxbury, MA 02132-1240
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Emily Warmington <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 8:48:35 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Thursday, June 14, 2018 8:48:36 PM GMT-04:00

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The location at 361 Belgrade will give these students access to the single-site facility they deserve, all within minutes of several MBTA transit options.

As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Emily Warmington
27 Knoll St Unit 2 Roslindale, MA 02131-1518
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Joseph DeMasi <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 8:40:27 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Thursday, June 14, 2018 8:40:27 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my STRONG support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale.

Boston needs more schools, and building this public high school will contribute greatly to the success of kids in Boston.

I live on Tyndale St, 0.5 miles from the site, and I would love to see this project built.

Both my children attend Boston Public Schools, and I you to support this project.

Sincerely,
Joseph DeMasi
39 Tyndale St Roslindale, MA 02131-2303
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Megan Agola <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 9:15:16 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 9:15:17 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Megan Agola
136 Beech St Roslindale, MA 02131-2716
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Sarah Rocha <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 8:42:38 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 11, 2018 8:42:39 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I have heard recently that you have already come out against the project to build a high school for Roxbury Prep in Roslindale. I am disappointed that you have made this decision before hearing them out on the project.

New things often face adversity and misunderstanding. Please approach this project with an open mind. I live in West Roxbury, and there are many supporters of this project here in my neighborhood... It's just that those who are against are often louder.

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Sarah Rocha
47 Atwill Rd West Roxbury, MA 02132-2527
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jessica Lisak <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 2:41:53 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 11, 2018 2:41:53 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I'm writing to support the school and do so using this well-written, pre-drafted letter below. School facilities matter!!

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Jessica Lisak
118 Newburg St Roslindale, MA 02131-3319
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Linda Lea Wells <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 10:21:26 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 8, 2018 10:21:27 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Linda Lea Wells
6 Vista St Roslindale, MA 02131-4518
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Molly Robson <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 10:41:18 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 8, 2018 10:41:19 AM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Molly Robson
113 Tyndale St Roslindale, MA 02131-2318
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: catherine desroches <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 9:37:00 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 8, 2018 9:37:01 AM GMT-04:00

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I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As a Roslindale resident, I travel on frequently on Belgrade Avenue. The neighborhood needs revitalization and a school would bring much-needed foot traffic to the area. What our neighborhood does not need are more high-end condos. I would much rather see a school built than another set of condos.

I believe that the achievement gap is one of the most important civil rights issues of our time. Closing the achievement gap is, of course, complicated and requires varied resources. But surely one of those resources is adequate space and modern facilities.

I urge you to support this worthwhile project and stand with our young people.

Sincerely,
catherine desroches
21 Vista St Roslindale, MA 02131-4517
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Laurie McPhee <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 9:24:35 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 8, 2018 9:24:36 AM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Laurie McPhee
72 Pinehurst St # 2 Roslindale, MA 02131-2941
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: LeRoy Atkinson <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 9:09:22 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 8, 2018 9:09:23 AM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
LeRoy Atkinson
52 Alpheus Rd Roslindale, MA 02131-4915
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Lynn Burke <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 7:18:49 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, June 8, 2018 7:18:50 AM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Lynn Burke
52 Westbourne St Roslindale, MA 02131-3327
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Estrella Rodriguez <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 6:53:26 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 6:53:28 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Estrella Rodriguez
70 Highcrest Rd Roslindale, MA 02131-4824
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Heather Cohen <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:10:00 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:10:00 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Heather Cohen
6 Basto Ter # 1 Roslindale, MA 02131-1626

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Jay Curtis <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 10:22:33 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 10:22:34 AM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Jay Curtis
9 Cummins Hwy Roslindale, MA 02131-2536
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: David Trimmer <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 10:19:23 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 10:19:24 AM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
David Trimmer
59 Elm St Apt 2 Charlestown, MA 02129-2421
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Bridget Trimmer <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 10:18:59 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 10:19:00 AM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Bridget Trimmer
59 Elm St Apt 2 Charlestown, MA 02129-2421
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Gladys Pena <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 6:20:56 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 4, 2018 6:20:56 PM GMT-04:00

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Sincerely,
Gladys Pena
116 Bradlee St Apt 9 Hyde Park, MA 02136-2227
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Andrea Mercedes <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 6:18:22 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 4, 2018 6:18:23 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Andrea Mercedes
73 Lochdale Rd # 1 Roslindale, MA 02131-1109
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Miriam Gomez <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 6:09:14 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 4, 2018 6:09:15 PM GMT-04:00

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As a resident of Roslindale, I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Miriam Gomez
110 Fawndale Rd Apt 1 Roslindale, MA 02131-2014

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Sorangela Cruz <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 6:04:25 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 4, 2018 6:04:26 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Sorangela Cruz
2 Brookway Ter Apt 330 Roslindale, MA 02131-1815

[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Erica Torres <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 5:59:49 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 4, 2018 5:59:49 PM GMT-04:00

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Sincerely,
Erica Torres
391 Hyde Park Ave Apt 106 Roslindale, MA 02131-2165
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Carlos Martinez <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 5:56:42 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 4, 2018 5:56:43 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Aisling Kerr,

As a resident of Roslindale, I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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Sincerely,
Carlos Martinez
49 Florence St Apt 1 Roslindale, MA 02131-3639
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Luz Perez <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 5:55:24 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 4, 2018 5:55:24 PM GMT-04:00

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Sincerely,
Luz Perez
49 Florence St Apt 1 Roslindale, MA 02131-3639
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Robert Vann <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 5:52:24 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 4, 2018 5:52:24 PM GMT-04:00

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Sincerely,
Robert Vann
381 Beech St Roslindale, MA 02131-4401
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Shirley Price Vann <[REDACTED]@everyactioninboston.com>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 5:50:57 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 4, 2018 5:50:58 PM GMT-04:00

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Sincerely,
Shirley Price Vann
381 Beech St Roslindale, MA 02131-4401
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Gladys Cherfils <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 3:36:06 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, June 4, 2018 3:36:07 PM GMT-04:00

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Sincerely,
Gladys Cherfils
285 Belgrade Ave Roslindale, MA 02131-2756
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Kim Soderberg <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Saturday, June 2, 2018 10:44:22 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Saturday, June 2, 2018 10:44:22 PM GMT-04:00

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I am writing to state my dedicated support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. As you may know, these high school students are currently spread across two temporary locations over three miles apart, both of which lack a cafeteria, a gym, or performing arts spaces to accommodate all of these students.

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Kim Soderberg
16 Havana St Roslindale, MA 02131-3315
[REDACTED]

Subject: Support for the Roxbury Prep High School project proposed at 361 Belgrade Ave
From: Melanie Fossinger <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Sunday, May 27, 2018 3:14:32 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Sunday, May 27, 2018 3:14:33 PM GMT-04:00

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As an engaged resident of Boston, I ask for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Melanie Fossinger
67 Walworth St Roslindale, MA 02131-2937
[REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: Roxbury Prep - not fully opposed
From: Tammy Donovan <[REDACTED]>
To: Aisling Kerr <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 12:59:10 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 12:59:51 PM GMT-04:00



Tammy Donovan
Special Assistant to the Executive Director/Secretary

Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)
One City Hall Square | Boston, MA 02201
bostonplans.org

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From: Despina Stavros <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, May 23, 2018 at 12:53 PM
Subject: Roxbury Prep - not fully opposed
To: Tammy Donovan <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Edward Coppinger <[REDACTED]>, Matt O'Malley <[REDACTED]>

Thanks Tammy,

As a West Roxbury resident and mother to four children, I have seen great changes in the BPS over the 25 years we have been (and continue to be) in our public school system.

With regards to the proposed location of the Roxbury Prep Charter High School, I feel that [361 Belgrade Ave.](#) is not appropriate for such a large high school community - especially in regards to traffic. I understand that many of the Roxbury Prep students and faculty currently travel to and from school via public transportation, however it is naïve to think that such a good high school option will continue to only serve those in the city who travel to and from school via MBTA/commuter rail. As a matter of fact, I suspect that within four years of this charter school moving into West Roxbury, many more "local" families will also begin to choose and hope to win a Lottery seat for their child to attend Roxbury Prep. At the proposed location, it is shortsighted not to plan for more local students coming to join this school community - and this, in turn, will add even more traffic to the area... as local parents will probably be dropping their kids off to school. This is a perfect segue to my next question/idea.

Has Roxbury Prep charter school explored options to rent, purchase, or somehow occupy part or all of the current West Roxbury High School Complex next to Millennium Park? It is T- accessible and has parking but also would open up a diverse new option for more local BPS families to consider for their child's high school experience. As you may know, this amazing facility has been "under chosen" for many years by "local" families. I feel that a total change - such as becoming a new Roxbury Prep charter high school, with a new focus and new leadership might possibly be the answer to many families who are always seeking better public high school options other than the exam schools for their children! This would allow Roxbury Prep charter high school to

continue to do their good work under one roof, with plenty of space and open up a new, diverse and exciting option for many Boston residents... from all over the city!
I have neighbors and friends who literally drive/carpool their children from West Roxbury to Dorchester every day to attend the Boston Collegiate Charter school... and they are so thankful for this non-exam school option!!

Please know that I understand that the BPS leaders and teachers may not like this idea for many reasons... but it might just be what we need. A win for Roxbury Prep and offering residents a fabulous new high school opportunity for Boston children! Can you imagine?

Thank you reading and passing this letter on to those in the decision- making roles.

Warmest regards,
Despina Stavros

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2018, at 10:39 AM, Tammy Donovan <[redacted]> wrote:

Confirming receipt of your comment letter.



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Tammy Donovan
Special Assistant to the Executive Director/Secretary

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On Tue, May 22, 2018 at 10:39 PM, Despina Stavros <[redacted]> wrote:

Name	Despina Stavros
Address	63 Bellevue Hill Rd West Roxbury 02132
Email	[redacted]
Message	I am writing to formally oppose the proposed 361 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale site for the new Roxbury Prep High School which will house up to 900 individuals.

The neighborhood believes that the site for this number of commuting individuals is not safe. That the immediate area cannot handle such an influx of people. In addition, the facility does not provide adequate space for the headcount it is planning to serve.

I am a proponent of the development of this site and agree with the consensus of the immediately impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

Subject: Re: Roxbury Preparatory Charter School
From: Maureen Scott <mscott4108@gmail.com>
To: Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 9:46:56 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, May 21, 2018 9:47:08 PM GMT-04:00

Thank you for the information. I remember you speaking at the 4/25 meeting of the GBNA

I did take your suggestion and signed up on the BPDA website.
I'm interested in the background to the developer of this charter school. Is this a national for profit charter initiative? As an educator I'm concerned about the privatization of education. I'm not against local charter schools, but the for-profit big box charter school is not a good choice for any community. I'll keep watching for the first public meeting. It will be well attended I'm sure. Thank you again for your work and your response.
Best,
Maureen Scott

On Mon, May 21, 2018 at 8:22 PM Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov> wrote:

Hi Maureen,

My name is Aisling Kerr and I am the BPDA Project Manager for the Roxbury Preparatory Charter School proposal. I am reaching out to follow-up on your inquiry submitted to the Mayor's Office about the School's proposal for the [361 Belgrade Avenue](#) site in Roslindale. .

At this point, the Boston Planning & Development Agency has received a Letter of Intent from Roxbury Prep Belgrade Avenue, LLC (the "Proponent") which outlines the Proponent's proposal for the site and desire to enter into the Article 80 Review Process. The Article 80 Review Process does not officially begin until a Project Notification Form ("PNF") has been received by the BPDA from the Proponent. It is also at this point (the filing of the PNF) that the 30-day public comment period begins, during which public meetings would be held.

You may view the Letter of Intent, and any other related project documents, on the proposed project's webpage on the BPDA website, available at [this](#) link. I also encourage community members to sign up for the BPDA's neighborhood updates, by filling out the online form [here](#), to receive notification of any meetings in neighborhoods of interest.

Thank you for your involvement in the community and our City. I look forward to continuing to work with the Roslindale and West Roxbury communities throughout the Article 80 Review Process.

Thank you,
Aisling Kerr

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Aisling Kerr
Assistant Project Manager
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Subject: Fwd: Against Roxbury Prep/West Roxbury Location
From: Kristina Ricco <[redacted]>
To: Aisling Kerr <[redacted]>, Michael Christopher <[redacted]>
Date Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 9:56:45 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, May 21, 2018 9:56:46 AM GMT-04:00

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Kristina Ricco

Senior Planner

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From: Maureen <[redacted]>
Date: Sat, May 19, 2018 at 1:33 PM
Subject: Against Roxbury Prep/West Roxbury Location
To: [redacted]

Hi Kristina. I was told you were the person to email to express my thoughts of being totally against Roxbury Prep to be built on the corner of Belgrade Ave. I live in the neighborhood and my family is completely against this proposal for all of the same reasons I am sure you have heard before: parking, traffic, and safety to name a few. Please take the thoughts of the neighboring community into account.

Sincerely,

Maureen & Vinny Cullen

109 Stratford Street

West Roxbury Ma 02132

[redacted]

Subject: Re: Opposition to Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Ave location
From: Emily Wieja <[REDACTED]>
To: Bessie Maher <[REDACTED]>, Aisling Kerr <[REDACTED]>
Cc: BPDA Marketing <[REDACTED]>
Date Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 11:24:56 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 11:25:17 AM GMT-04:00

Hello Bessie,

Thank you for contacting the Boston Planning & Development Agency. I am copying Aisling Kerr, project manager, so that she is aware of your comments.

Don't hesitate to let me know if I can be of further assistance.



Emily Wieja

Web Content Manager

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On Wed, May 16, 2018 at 11:04 AM, Bessie Maher <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Good Morning to All,

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed [361 Belgrade Ave, Roslindale](#) site for the new Roxbury Prep High School which will house up to 900 individuals.

As a resident of Roslindale, I don't believe this would be in the best interest for the neighborhood nor the school. The site is very congested already with traffic from Holy Name and Washington St. Residential buildings are being built on Centre and Belgrade already which will add to the traffic. The location will not provide the space it needs for the students or staff and faculty.

I'm all for education. I want our young people to get the education they deserve. West Roxbury High School on the Parkway has plenty of room. The school itself needs to be updated. I understand BPS owns that land but why not rent it to Roxbury Prep? There is plenty of room for parking, pick ups, and drop offs. It's important that we help our schools and I would love to see West Roxbury High School be done over and even have Roxbury Prep join them in that location. There is a lot of room in that location to provide the students and faculty with a state of the art school. 361 Belgrade doesn't offer that much room. I propose having the 361 Belgrade location being turned into a park and playground. It would allow and encourage the young families in the area to get outside and enjoy the outdoors.

In conclusion, I agree with the consensus of the immediately impacted neighborhoods that this project is not appropriate for this location.

Thank you,
Bessie Maher

Subject: Opposition to construction at 361 Belgrade Ave., Roslindale/West Roxbury

From: Martha Echan and Bruno Giordano <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Saturday, May 12, 2018 2:54:06 PM GMT-04:00

Date Received: Saturday, May 12, 2018 2:54:13 PM GMT-04:00

Dear Ms. Kerr,

I am writing to express opposition to the proposal to build Roxbury Prep, a 900 student Charter High School, at 361 Belgrade Ave., Roslindale.

I am an abutter on Beech Street right at the intersection with Anawan Avenue and the West Roxbury Parkway. As you can imagine I am no stranger to traffic. A project of this size and density will only increase the amount of congestion in an already heavily trafficked, main route into the downtown Boston area.

Nowhere else in the city do you have a school with 900 students, faculty and staff squeezed into such limited square footage, and specifically not one surrounded by residences as this area is. Contrary to the school's letter of intent it is not "a highly commercialized" area. There is a "mom and pop pizza shop, a yoga studio and an independent dentist and eye doctor's office on Belgrade. In fact there are even *more housing units* being built within 100 yards of the proposed location!

At one of the very early community meetings, the school stated that the majority of their students will use public transportation in a reverse commute. As it stands currently the commuter rail serves approximately 400 people at most over the course of the day at the station. I commute to and from the Bellevue stop each day and most days there are not enough cars for everyone to sit by the time it gets there. Often times I stand! It is unreasonable to expect that the commuter rail could handle 600-800 arriving at one time *regardless of direction of travel*. They would need to add cars and staff. The school has shown no evidence of concrete agreements with the MBTA proving they are willing or able to handle out this reverse commute. Nor was there any mention of ability to increase the number of buses running from Forest Hills, but again this increases traffic congestion on the roadways, and Belgrade Avenue to Roslindale Square is already at a standstill in the afternoon hours, again regardless of direction!

The proposed "Kiss and Drop" at the end of Anawan Ave., allowing parents to circle in to drop students off, will cause huge back ups on Belgrade Ave. in both directions at the height of commute times in the area. Cars entering the turn around on Anawan will also directly block the *only driveway access* to the condos next door at 345 Belgrade.

As students reach driving age, what's to stop them from driving in and parking a block or two up on a side street and walking to school? People using the commuter rail already do this instead of paying at the lot. Extending the "Resident Only" areas was suggested but that becomes an burden to those who live in the neighborhood without driveways (and there are many), or who have guests visiting, by having to deal with stickers and visitor passes.

At the recent pro-school rally families were told the facility would be used for events for all grades of the school. This is extremely alarming from a parking standpoint. Where do all those cars park for sporting events, graduations, performances, fund raisers etc.? Evening hours when residents are home leave little if any open street parking spaces on Belgrade or any other street in this already dense area. The limited parking at the school would not be nearly enough if even a fraction of the 800 students' families chose to attend events. The builder at the rally also had reworked drawings with LESS parking than was originally shown at previous meetings.

It is also my opinion that the location is a huge safety concern! When I worked for BPS, there were two mandatory fire drills each year. Where do 900 students, faculty and staff safely go should there be a catastrophic emergency such as a fire? They are bound on one side by the commuter tracks, and have two major roadways and intersections on the other side. Using the small commuter rail parking lot is not viable as it would entail crossing the tracks, and it would be full of cars. If students must go across Belgrade or head towards the Parkway, that is directly in the path of services (police and fire) rushing to the scene. Would students then be lining the sidewalks for blocks? What would happen if they are unable to return to the school? It would be very unsafe for the students and drivers alike, not having removed spaces large enough for the children to regroup so arrangements could be made to get them safely home.

Will the current municipal services (police, fire, ambulance, transit) be adequate to support the addition of a school this size, *as well as the other three housing projects already approved* for the immediate area (317 Belgrade, 400 Belgrade and 1721 Centre Street)?

I certainly believe all families in Boston deserve quality public school education choices and do not wish to deny anyone those choices. However, as a homeowner and abutter, I feel I must speak out against building the school at this location. Simply put it is the wrong place for a project of that size and density. The safety issues and increased traffic and congestion caused will have an immediate and dramatically negative effect on the neighborhood and day to day lives.

The area would be better served by putting in affordable senior housing possibly with limited commercial businesses at street level. Too many seniors who were born and raised families here but now wish to downsize from the responsibilities of a single family home, are being forced out of the city because they can't afford the "luxury rentals" being built.

I hope you will take my concerns and those of my neighbors who feel the same into consideration, and support our efforts to prevent this project from moving forward.

Sincerely,
Martha Echan
94 Beech Street, Roslindale

Subject: Fwd: Fw: OPPOSITION to building the Roxbury Prep new school at 361 Belgrade Ave, (former Howard Chevrolet site) West Roxbury
From: Teresa Polhemus <teresa.polhemus@boston.gov>
To: Michael Christopher <michael.christopher@boston.gov>, Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>, Jonathan Greeley <jonathan.greeley@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 11:08:23 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 11:09:04 AM GMT-04:00



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From: 'tom rowley' via BPDA Board <bpdaboard@boston.gov>
Date: Wed, May 9, 2018 at 1:13 AM
Subject: Fw: OPPOSITION to building the Roxbury Prep new school at 361 Belgrade Ave, (former Howard Chevrolet site) West Roxbury
To: "brian.golden@boston.gov" <brian.golden@boston.gov>, "tammy.donovan@boston.gov" <tammy.donovan@boston.gov>, "timothy.burke@boston.gov" <timothy.burke@boston.gov>, "bpdaboard@boston.gov" <bpdaboard@boston.gov>, "mayor@boston.gov" <mayor@boston.gov>

On Wednesday, May 9, 2018 12:54 AM, tom rowley <tomrowleyj@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Rep Coppinger, Senator Rush, Councilor O'Malley and other officials;

I already filled out the GBANA contact group email online submission form that is routed to the elected officials and everyone else involved with the BPDA. I wanted to email my OPPOSITION directly also.

This email is for our household's OPPOSITION to the new Roxbury Prep school being built at [361 Belgrade Ave](#), West Roxbury. This includes myself, Tom Rowley, Katherine Rowley, and Patricia Rowley. Our address is [33 Clement Ave, West Roxbury, MA](#) and we live in the immediate area of 361 Belgrade Ave.

IMPORTANT INFO for mandatory reason to oppose and deny moving forward with building the school:

#1) The school should be OPPOSED and never allowed to go forward anyway due to the law REQUIRING 200 square feet per student and that site would have less than 90 square feet per individual. Based on this, it should be automatically disapproved.

#2) I was told that people who worked for the city offered them the parcel of land where the old, former STATE HOSPITAL GROUNDS that is located between WALK HILL ST, MORTON St, American Legion Hwy, and Harvard Ave is available and was offered to Roxbury Prep officials previously to build school there.

*THE ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD FOLLOW UP ON THIS WITH THE BPDA AND ROXBURY PREP OFFICIALS.
Also, make sure the BPDA IS FULLY AWARE OF #'s 1 and 2.

Best Regards,
Tom Rowley

Subject: Fwd: OPPOSING Roxbury Prep Charter School
From: Michael Cannizzo <[redacted]@boston.gov>
To: Aisling Kerr <[redacted]@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 9:26:09 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 9:26:34 AM GMT-04:00

Hi Aisling,

The neighborhood is buzzing about this. Wanted to send you this comment I received. Did they come back in?

Michael

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From: **Ana Impellizeri** <[redacted]@comcast.net>

Date: Wed, May 9, 2018 at 9:16 AM

Subject: OPPOSING Roxbury Prep Charter School

To: [redacted]@boston.gov, a.e.george@boston.gov, matthew.omalley@boston.gov,

[redacted]@mahouse.gov, Mike.Rush@masenate.gov,

MICHAEL.F.FLAHERTY@boston.gov, Jeffrey Sánchez <[redacted]@gmail.com>, Tommy

Chang <[redacted]@bostonpublicschools.org>, MICHELLE.WU@boston.gov

Cc: Michael Cannizzo <[redacted]@boston.gov>

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Roxbury Prep Charter School at Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, due to deep concerns for students' HEALTH and SAFETY and the potential for increased in TRAFFIC and pedestrian safety in an already congested street.

The HEALTH AND SAFETY of the students in a facility that is undersized and has no open space or an athletic field is a big issue. Because of lack of space, the students will not be able to congregate outside and they will be congested inside the building. There will only be a dangerous narrow sidewalk outside for the students to convene. The students would have to be bussed to Hynes for athletics and that will mean more congestion. Hynes is much too small to serve 1000 students plus our community. As you know, that park is heavily used by families of very young children, adding 900 teens would be a nightmare for all. Obesity in our Boston youth is a real problem the city cannot ignore, schools need athletic fields built into their plans.

I also wonder if the building plan has a meeting hall or theater for the arts? --my guess is NO. BPS has plenty of underutilized space, why spent so much money to build a dysfunctional facility that will create chaos in student transportation and cramped spaces for teaching and learning?

Have you thought of the tremendous amount of under-utilized space at the Madison and at the West Roxbury High School????

You can start working right there to fix the need for seats and QUALITY EDUCATION in Boston for Boston kids.

Thank you in advance for the work you do to help improve the education experience for Boston urban students and teachers.

Much work to be done! But it can be done.

P.S.

I still dream of the day when the innovation Arena at the O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Sciences becomes a reality.

Ana Impellizeri

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Michael A. Cannizzo
Senior Architect/Urban Designer

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Subject: Fwd: Roxbury Prep
From: Kristina Ricco <kristina.ricco@boston.gov>
To: Michael Christopher <michael.christopher@boston.gov>, Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 10:19:54 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, May 7, 2018 10:19:55 AM GMT-04:00

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From: Elena Flynn <EFlynn@msn.com>
Date: Sat, May 5, 2018 at 9:57 PM
Subject: Roxbury Prep
To: "mayor@boston.gov" <mayor@boston.gov>, "daniel.m.murphy@boston.gov" <daniel.m.murphy@boston.gov>, "Kristina.Ricco@boston.gov" <Kristina.Ricco@boston.gov>

As a resident of West Roxbury, I am deeply upset concerning the proposal to build a Charter School on Belgrade Avenue. What is the reason for this ridiculous plan?

First of all we do not need another Charter School when we have many high schools in Boston with vacant seats. Why not fill these seats with these 800 students? Use these funds to improve the quality of education for all students throughout the Boston high schools. As a grandmother of five high school students in Boston, and other grandparents and students, this would make much more sense in the use of our tax money.

Secondly the proposed location is ludicrous. The Belgrade Avenue, West Roxbury Parkway, the Holy Name Circle and Centre Street is a night-mare for men and women trying to get through this maze to get to work every day even without 800 students trying to get to school.

Third there is a train track behind the proposed site and this is a terrible hazard for high school students. We are setting up these students to get seriously injured if not by the train, then just as dangerous by this traffic maze.

A fourth issue would be parking for both teachers, students and visitors. There does not seem to be any space provided for this important issue.

Fifth, where are these students supposed to play sports? Will you bus them all over the city? This will be both expensive and time-consuming.

There needs to be some serious thought behind this plan. Let us stop this stupidity before it goes any further.

Sincerely,

Subject: Fwd: Roxbury Prep
From: Kristina Ricco <kristina.ricco@boston.gov>
To: Michael Christopher <michael.christopher@boston.gov>, Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Friday, May 4, 2018 1:17:47 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Friday, May 4, 2018 1:17:48 PM GMT-04:00

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From: Mdonlan <mdonlan@aol.com>

Date: Fri, May 4, 2018 at 1:15 PM

Subject: Roxbury Prep

To: kristina.ricco@boston.gov

Dear Christina,

I have previously emailed my opposition to the school. Have you checked where the writers of the 1,200 supportive letters reside? Are they involved with the existing Roxbury Prep schools and live outside the neighborhood? Has the pollution at the school been fairly checked? The site has been a car repair shop for 70 years and should raise red flags on pollution. Students should not be exposed to the pollution. I hope the BPDA is considering all sides fairly. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Susan Donlan, 100 Stratford, cor. Anawan.

Subject: Fwd: 361 Belgrade proposed project
From: Kristina Ricco <kristina.ricco@boston.gov>
To: Michael Christopher <michael.christopher@boston.gov>, Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 9:49:43 AM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Monday, April 30, 2018 9:49:45 AM GMT-04:00

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From: Racheal Rush <rachealrush@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Apr 29, 2018, 9:02 PM
Subject: 361 Belgrade proposed project
To: Ayanna Pressley <ayanna.pressley@boston.gov>, Annissa Essaibi George <a.e.george@boston.gov>, Michael Flaherty <michael.flaherty@boston.gov>, Michelle Wu <michelle.wu@boston.gov>, Matt Omalley <mat.omalley@boston.gov>, Tim McCarthy <timothy.mccarthy@boston.gov>, Kristina Ricco <kristina.ricco@boston.gov>, Jack Duggan <jack.duggan@boston.gov>, Daniel Murphy <daniel.m.murphy@boston.gov>, Marty Walsh <mayor@boston.gov>

My name is Racheal Rush and I live at 345 Belgrade Ave in Roslindale. I am a direct abutter the proposed build site of Roxbury Prep High School.

I strongly oppose the potential plan to build Roxbury Prep High School at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale, at the intersection of the West Roxbury Parkway. The planned school will place upwards of 900 people on less than one acre of land in an already densely populated residential neighborhood. The proposal is an inappropriate and unsafe use of the site.

As an official representative of my city and/or state , I urge you support to the many hundreds of neighbors who oppose this plan. Please step in on our behalf with the developer, Upton + Partners, and the school, Roxbury Prep, to stop this project in this location.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

*Sincerely,
Racheal Rush*

Subject: Re: Rogue notification-flyer

From: Shannon Murphy <shannon.m.murphy@boston.gov>

To: William MacGregor <william.macgregor@boston.gov>

Cc: Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>, Jack Duggan <jack.duggan@boston.gov>

Date Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 10:53:26 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Monday, February 12, 2018 10:53:27 AM GMT-05:00

I was present at GBANA's first meeting. They vocalized that they do not support this project. They believe that it is a good idea, but is not the best location due to the size of the school, limited parking, traffic, etc.
This flyer is not accurate with what was vocalized at the meeting.

Best,
Shannon

On Mon, Feb 12, 2018 at 10:30 AM, William MacGregor <william.macgregor@boston.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Aisling,

Shannon got an email from Ginny Gass, who is the president of the Bellevue Hill Neighborhood Assoc. It looks like there is a flyer going out that leads individuals to believe that the new group organized against the Roxbury Prep School is in support.
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Thanks,

Bill

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To: William MacGregor <william.macgregor@boston.gov>, Matthew O'Malley <matthew.omalley@boston.gov>

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From: Ginny Gass <ggass89620@aol.com>

Date: Sun, Feb 11, 2018 at 9:29 PM

Subject: Rogue notification-flyer

To: CMcdevittj@aol.com, jonedowney@verizon.net, frederick.gillis@invpro.com, theranburns@gmail.com, gembleton4@gmail.com, athena@crimeatlas.com, brandondlynch@yahoo.com, ggass89620@aol.com, despinastavros@yahoo.com

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This week, a rogue notification, a flyer, has been delivered to many homes along the Parkway and into West Roxbury saying that GBANA supports the Roxbury Charter School proposal. The word "outrageous" comes to mind when considering that a group or person would distribute fake news in such a manner.

If you or anyone you know has received this flyer, tell your neighbors and friends about it. Fake news. A copy of the flyer is attached.

Thanks for listening. We're grateful for your continued support, especially in cases like this.

Ginny Gass for
Bellevue Hill Improvement Association

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Shannon Murphy

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To: Aisling Kerr <[redacted]@boston.gov>, Shannon Murphy <[redacted]@boston.gov>
Cc: Jack Duggan <[redacted]@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 10:30:22 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, February 12, 2018 10:31:06 AM GMT-05:00
Attachments: prep flyer.JPG

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Date: Sun, Feb 11, 2018 at 9:29 PM
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To: [redacted]@aol.com; [redacted]@verizon.net; [redacted]@nypro.com; [redacted]@gmail.com; [redacted]@gmail.com; [redacted]@crimeatlas.com; [redacted]@yahoo.com; [redacted]@aol.com; [redacted]@yahoo.com

Dear All,

In a previous email, we talked about the newest West Roxbury neighborhood association, GBANA, for Greater Belgrade Avenue Neighborhood Association. During their first meeting a few weeks ago, among other issues, they discussed the Roxbury Prep Charter School proposal. Many of their members, as well as many BHIA members are not supporting this proposal because, as someone said: good idea, bad location.

This week, a rogue notification, a flyer, has been delivered to many homes along the Parkway and into West Roxbury saying that GBANA supports the Roxbury Charter School proposal. The word "outrageous" comes to mind when considering that a group or person would distribute fake news in such a manner.

If you or anyone you know has received this flyer, tell your neighbors and friends about it. Fake news. A copy of the flyer is attached.

Thanks for listening. We're grateful for your continued support, especially in cases like this.

Ginny Gass for
Bellevue Hill Improvement Association

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Shannon Murphy
Neighborhood Liaison - West Roxbury

Subject: Fwd: Belgrade Ave. Roslindale- Proposed Charter School - Opposed
From: Kristina Ricco <kristina.ricco@boston.gov>
To: Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>
Cc: Michael Christopher <michael.christopher@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:53:32 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:53:34 AM GMT-05:00

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From: Joe Cauteruccio <joe.cauteruccio@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 9:51 AM
Subject: Belgrade Ave. Roslindale- Proposed Charter School - Opposed
To: Kristina.Ricco@boston.gov

Good Morning Kristina,

My name is Joe Cauteruccio and I live at 27 Cerdan Ave. WR. I am writing to go on record in opposition building the proposed charter school on the car dealership/NTW tire store site. At this point there is nothing I can add to the long list of obvious issues with what is the wrong project for the wrong site.

I urge you to consider the voices of those who have supported our community over the years and care deeply about smart development.

Thank you for your consideration of my position.

Sincerely,

Joe Cauteruccio
27 Cerdan Ave WR

joe.cauteruccio@gmail.com

PS- I have formally registered my opposition with Matt O'Malley as well as numerous CW councilors.

Subject: Fwd: Att: Ted Landsmark
From: Kristina Ricco <kristina.ricco@boston.gov>
To: Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 9:19:20 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, February 12, 2018 9:19:22 AM GMT-05:00

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From: Mdonlan <mdonlan@aol.com>
Date: Sun, Feb 11, 2018 at 5:56 PM
Subject: Att: Ted Landsmark
To: BPDABoard@boston.gov
Cc: kristina.ricco@boston.gov

Dear Board Member Landsmark,

Hello again. Our paths have crossed at both at the BAC and my (prelude) time as Vice Chairman of the BRA (now BPDA). Congratulations to you to hold critical leadership for our City.

I wish to seek your help and the help of the BPDA. I have been active in West Roxbury and Roslindale for many decades. My Dad was the State Representative for a quarter century.

A controversy has arisen in WR and Roslindale over the siting of a Charter School (*Roxbury Prep*) at the former site of an automobile dealership at the bottom of my adjacent street, Anawan Avenue.

There are many concerns the neighborhood has about this site. The first concern is for the students of the school. This site has no space for a schoolyard or parking for either teachers or pupils. The Needham Commuter rail track is located in the back yard of the school. There is no backyard. The school is located on the West Roxbury Parkway and Belgrade Ave. This is a very busy intersection with heavy traffic all day and very intense at commuter hours. The site itself has been a car dealership for many years. It is a toxic site due to the residue from oil regularly drawn from engines.

The school is currently leasing the Most Precious Blood School in Hyde Park. This site has a large schoolyard parking for all, and is located across from the commuter railroad and other transportation. The school seems fixated on the Belgrade site, even to the detriment of the students. This is an improper site for a school. The Globe listed the salary of the principal of the school as \$250,000 a year. This salary is inordinate for the principal of one school. The teachers, non-union, are not paid in a proportionate rate to the principal.

The proximate cause of this letter to you is untoward behavior on the part of the school. GBANA is the neighborhood association that has had meetings about the school site. They have NOT taken a stand; and if anything most members are opposed. The school sent out a flier co-opting the logo of GBANA and claiming the organization is in support of the school, a falsehood. In my nearly 80 years here in Boston I have not heard of such rogue activity by a group desiring a permit. This process has not been transparent or straightforward.

Please look into this situation. We believe the neighborhood is being denied fundamental due process by reason of some rogue communications from the school with the affected neighborhood -- and perhaps with City Hall.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Subject: Fwd: 361 Belgrade Ave. Roslindale
From: Kristina Ricco <kristina.ricco@boston.gov>
To: Aisling Kerr <aisling.kerr@boston.gov>, Michael Christopher
<michael.christopher@boston.gov>
Date Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 12:01:08 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 12:01:11 PM GMT-04:00

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From: Elisabeth Wallace <elisabeth.wallace@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 11, 2018 at 9:59 AM
Subject: Re: 361 Belgrade Ave. Roslindale
To: Kristina Ricco <kristina.ricco@boston.gov>

Hi Kristina,

Thanks for arranging this for us.

No official news. A few of the City Councillors have been making calls to get an update for us, but thus far, nothing. NTB, the current lessee, broke its lease and has vacated the building to move to their Dedham location. The manager of NTB told us that the owner of the building said the school project was dead.

Roxbury Prep hosted an open house last night at a church in West Roxbury for supporters of the high school proposal at 361 Belgrade. A few of our board members and those from another West Roxbury neighborhood association attended. It was more of a pep rally for their students and families to promote the [361 Belgrade](#) plan. They have a postcard and online notification campaign to send notice of their support to the city officials. We did note that the renderings have changed slightly - a bus stop was moved to the front of the building; the building footprint is on MBTA owned land - but nothing major that we could see.

Thanks again!

Take care,
Elisabeth

On Tue, Apr 10, 2018 at 4:17 PM, Kristina Ricco <kristina.ricco@boston.gov> wrote:
Hi Elisabeth,

Good to hear from you! I've reached out to Development Review to see about getting a project manager out. Still waiting for confirmation on their availability for the 25th specifically, but if not, then May for sure. No further news from me on [361 Belgrade](#) - have you heard anything

foregone conclusion. Let me know if you're interested - I'm available anytime this evening or could make time first thing tomorrow morning.

Thanks!
KR

On Feb 20, 2018 5:39 PM, "Elisabeth Wallace" <elisabeth.gbana@gmail.com> wrote:
Thanks, Kristina!

I guess we are a bit confused because we were told the BPDA told the school to drum up more support in the neighborhood before they file the LOI. Our assumption is that they would be providing evidence of such support to the BPDA. No?

On Feb 20, 2018 4:54 PM, "Kristina Ricco" <kristina.ricco@boston.gov> wrote:
Hi Elisabeth,

Thanks for reaching out! I've actually already received 3 letters of opposition to the project (one which confused this project with the proposal for [400 Belgrade Avenue](#)) and have forwarded them on to the project manager. While I'm happy to continue doing so, I'd like to point out that there is no formal proposal for the site. Discussions between the community and the developer are considered in "prefile" and are entirely unofficial. The developer has not filed a Letter of Intent (which would kick off the Article 80 process) so there's not really a project that the BPDA has put forth for neighbors to formally respond to. I'm always available to talk in more detail if you have questions about the process in general or if you'd like to talk more about the project specifically.

Best regards,
KR



Kristina Ricco
Senior Planner

[617.516.4236](tel:6175164236)

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On Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 7:32 AM, Elisabeth Wallace <elisabeth.gbana@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Kristina,

I hope you had a great weekend.

If neighbors want to email the BPDA with their opposition to the proposed project for [361 Belgrade Ave.](#), who should they contact?

Thank you!

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Re: Clay Chevrolet, Proposed Site of Roxbury Prep at 361 Belgrade Avenue

Dear Board Members:

I write to express my concerns about the proposed construction of a building for Roxbury Prep at 361 Belgrade Avenue. I have been informed that Suffolk Construction has begun work at the site of the former Clay Chevrolet site, despite the existence of a number of regulatory preconditions that have not yet been satisfied.

I share with many of my neighbors in the Bellevue Hill and Belgrade Avenue areas a number of legitimate concerns that need to be addressed by your agency. None of these concerns are based upon NIMBYism or racial animus, as the Boston Globe has recently insinuated.

361 Belgrade location is at the intersection of West Roxbury Parkway and Belgrade Avenue. That area is already overburdened on a daily basis with automobile traffic, largely caused by single passenger. suburban commuters who have made it virtually impossible for local residents to drive in our own neighborhood during increasingly longer morning and afternoon commutes.

Many of us who live in Boston are philosophically opposed to the expansion of charter schools. Roxbury Prep is owned by the for-profit Uncommon Schools and its policies, financing, practices and the hybrid compensation of its executives have not been publicly disclosed. As a charter school, the facility would also be exempt from oversight by Boston School Committee, yet it would siphon off money for the Boston Public Schools for every child it enrolls.

We are concerned that without a vibrant, inclusive public school system with the highest academic standards and best educational practices, Boston will be unable to attract and maintain young families who will commit themselves to the city's future. The expansion of Roxbury Prep will do nothing to address that concern.

361 Belgrade Avenue is not an appropriate site for a high school. Because of the dense traffic, the safety of pupils who would attend the school should be paramount concern. Further, the proposed facility would lack space for a cafeteria, a gymnasium and any athletic fields.

A number of us also question why the owners of Clay Chevrolet should be permitted to enrich themselves with a 99 year lease after the formerly public land that it now owns was transferred five years after the voters approved Article 97, the purpose of which was to maintain public lands in perpetuity.

In addition to these public policy concerns, there are significant legal issues that have not yet been addressed. In 1894 the Metropolitan Park Commission took private property that included a parcel of land that is now a part of the property at 361 Belgrade Avenue. See the attachment 1, the public taking deed. The Metropolitan Park Commission was established in 1892 and appointed by the legislature. In 1919, the commission was renamed the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) after merging with the Metropolitan Water and Sewer Commission.

West Roxbury Parkway is an historic parkway that extends from Washington Street in Boston, Massachusetts, where the Enneking Parkway runs south, to Horace James Circle in Brookline, where it meets the Hammond Pond Parkway. The parkway serves as a connector between Stony Brook Reservation and Hammond Pond Reservation (via Hammond Pond Parkway). West Roxbury Parkway itself was built between 1919 and 1929 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006. The parkway was developed by the Metropolitan District Commission beginning around the turn of the 20th century, it was built in collaboration with the City of Boston, and is maintained by the city.

Although land was taken for the construction of the parkway as early as 1894, actual construction did not begin on its southernmost section until 1919, when the section from Washington Street to Belgrade Avenue was built. It was extended to Centre Street in 1920, and provided access via that road to the Arnold Arboretum, one of the city's objectives in the development of the parkway. The segment to Weld Street was completed in 1924, and the last section, to its terminus at Newton Street in Brookline, was completed in 1929. In 1924 construction of Bellevue Hill Road (originally called West Border Road) was completed.

In 1972, the voters of Massachusetts by referendum Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution. See attachment 2, the text of the amendment. Then Attorney General Quinn's advisory opinion states that the provisions of Article 97 should be interpreted broadly. See attachment 3, the Attorney General's advisory opinion.

Five years later, in 1977, the Massachusetts General Court directed to MDC to convey some 6,275 feet of public land that was a part of West Roxbury Parkway to Clay Chevrolet in exchange for \$3,000.00, in an apparent sweetheart deal. See attachment 4, the legislature's vote. It is unclear whether Massachusetts General Court's action was taken by a voice vote or roll call that was recorded, but it does not appear that a 2/3ds vote of either house, authorized the conveyance.

The deed that conveys the land to Clay Chevrolet is a restrictive deed and expressly provides that "said premises are conveyed" subject to six specific conditions. Restriction 5 provides that "said premises are conveyed subject to the condition that if at any time said premises shall cease to be used for parking purposes then, and in that event, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall enter upon said premises and repossess itself of its former estate therein..." See attachment 5, the MDC deed that conveyed the property to Clay Chevrolet.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation was formed in 2003 under Governor t Romney, when the former Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) and Department of Environmental Management (DEM) were merged to form the DCR.

Attorney General's Quinn's broad interpretation of Article 97 has been underscored by an important decision by the Supreme Judicial Court in *Smith v. Westfield*, 478 Mass. 49 (2017). See attachment 6. The court considered whether Article 97 applied to a parcel of land originally acquired by the city through a tax taking. The Court held that the property was subject to Article 97 because the city, through its actions, clearly expressed its intent to protect the property permanently. See attachment 6, the court's decision.

The MDC's conveyance of the property in 1978 to Clay Chevrolet raises, at a minimum, at least three legal questions that need to be answered by the by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth and by the Boston Law Department:

(1) Don't the restrictions contained in the deed create a compelling legal presumption suggest that the MDC and its successors -in-interest intended continued oversight to protect the public's interest in the property permanently?

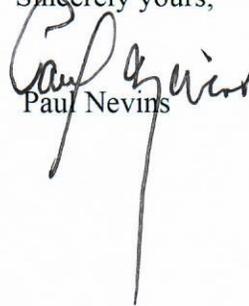
(2) If the conveyance of the property was for a specific purpose, doesn't the closing of Howard Chevrolet and the proposed lease of the property to another entity, Roxbury Prep - for an entirely different purpose and with proposed new construction that has never been approved by the DCR - require that the property now revert back to the Commonwealth?

(3) If, as a matter of fact, the land in question is public land subject to Article 97, and was improperly conveyed by the MDC five years after the adoption of Article 97, doesn't that render the conveyance a nullity?

Given the significant public policy and legal concerns, the Boston Planning and Development Agency should request a full legal review from the city's law department and the

Office of the Attorney General before it permits any construction 361 Belgrade Avenue to go forward.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Nevins", with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Paul Nevins

pln:ej
cc: Matt O' Malley
Martin Walsh
Enclosures

Attachment 1

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The word used
interposed in 1894
[Signature]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners

November 30. 1894. Whereas the undersigned
duly appointed and qualified as the Board known as
the Metropolitan Park Commission, under and by virtue
of the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts entitled "An Act to
establish a Metropolitan Park Commission" being Chapter
four hundred and seven of the Acts of the year 1893.
Deem it desirable and expedient to take the lands &
rights in land hereinafter described for the purposes &
under the powers and limitations set forth in said
Act. Now therefore we said Board of Metropolitan
Park Commissioners, by virtue of the authority conferred
upon us by said act, and of any and every other
power and authority us hereto in any wise enabling
acting herein in consultation and concurrence with
the proper local board, have taken and do hereby take
in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
and for the benefit of the said Commonwealth and
the inhabitants thereof, in manner prescribed in and
by said acts and for all the purposes therein provided
the lands and rights in land, and all easements priv-
ileges and appurtenances of every name and nature
thereto belonging, lying in the City of Boston in the
County of Suffolk and shown on plan marked "Plan
of Taking for Parkway in West Roxbury by Metropolitan
Park Commission", Boston Oct 10. 1894. William Jackson
City Engineer, Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot Landscape Archi-
tects" being Metropolitan Park Commissioners Plan No 16
the original of which is to be recorded herewith and
the duplicate of which is on file in the official arch-
ives of said Commissioners and bounded and de-
scribed as follows viz: a strip or parcel of land lying
next to and northerly and in continuation of the
Parkway in West Roxbury. So called described in a
taking bearing even date herewith and shown upon
Metropolitan Park Commissioners Plan No 13. accom-
panying the same, beginning at a point marked A
on the plan herein first above referred to in the South
Easterly side ^{line} of Anawan Avenue, thence running North
erly curving to the right on a radius of three thousand

feet sixty, nine and seventeen one hundredths (69.17) feet to a stake in the North westerly side line of said Avenue, thence continuing on the same curve one hundred twenty three and nine one hundredths (123.09) feet to a stake, thence continuing on the same curve forty and eighty seven one hundredths (40.87) feet to a stake; thence continuing on the same curve one hundred forty seven and ninety three one hundredths (147.93) feet to a stake, thence continuing on the same curve thirty and forty four one hundredths (30.44) feet to a stake, thence continuing on the same curve forty six and five one hundredths (46.05) feet to a stake in the southerly line of the location of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, thence continuing on the same curve twenty one and thirty seven one hundredths (21.37) feet to a stake within the location of said railroad Company, thence northerly curving still more to the right on a radius of nine thousand three hundred thirty five and thirty nine one hundredths feet, eleven and sixty two one hundredths (11.62) feet to a stake in the northerly line of said location, thence on the same curve one hundred ten and fifty one one hundredths (110.51) feet to a stake, thence on the same curve eighty two and sixty five one hundredths (82.65) feet to a stake in the South westerly side line of a right of way so called shown on said plan. thence on the same curve thirty three and seven tenths (33.7) feet to a stake, thence North easterly and easterly curving sharply to the right on a radius of twenty feet, twenty and fifty seven one hundredths (20.57) feet to a stake in the South easterly side line of Centre Street so called shown on said plan. thence North easterly by a straight line crossing said Centre Street obliquely one hundred one and seventy one hundredths (101.70) feet to a bolt in the stone wall on the North westerly side of said Centre Street, thence South westerly, westerly, and northerly curving to the right on a radius of twenty feet, forty four and twenty nine one hundredths (44.29) feet to a stake, thence about North westerly thirteen (13) feet to a stake, thence Northerly curving to the left on a radius of forty hundred nineteen and eighty three one hundredths feet by three

measurements, one hundred fifty eight and twelve one
 hundredths (158.12) feet to centre of a stone wall three
 hundred thirteen and seven one hundredths (313.11)
 feet to a stake two hundred thirty and percent one
 one hundredths (230.71) feet to a stake respectively
 thence northerly twenty eight and fifty two one hun-
 dredths (28.52) feet to a stake, thence northerly and
 Easterly and southeasterly curving to the right on
 a radius of twenty feet forty six and seventy eight
 one hundredths (46.78) feet to a bolt in the stone wall
 on the Southwesterly side of Church Street so called
 shown on said plan, thence Northwesterly crossing
 said Church Street obliquely seventy three and fifty
 one hundredths (73.50) feet to a bolt in the stone
 wall on the Northwesterly side line of said Church
 Street, thence Northwesterly and northerly curving to the
 right on a radius of forty feet thirty two and fif-
 teen one hundredths (32.15) feet to a stake, thence
 Northerly one hundred twenty eight (178) feet to a
 stake, thence Northerly again curving to the right on
 a radius of twenty eight hundred sixty four and nine-
 ty three one hundredths feet by three measurements.
 Two hundred eighty nine and sixty nine one hun-
 dredths (289.69) feet to centre of stone wall two hun-
 dred forty five and eighty nine one hundredths (245.89)
 feet to centre of stone wall and two hundred forty four
 and forty six one hundredths (244.46) feet to a stake
 thence Northwesterly curving to the right on a radius
 of eleven hundred forty six and twenty eight one hun-
 dredths feet by two measurements, one hundred eighty
 six and forty five one hundredths (186.45) feet to cen-
 tre of stone wall and one hundred forty nine and
 fourteen one hundredths (149.14) feet to a stake thence
 Northwesterly or Easterly curving sharply to the right
 on a radius of forty feet forty seven and seventy five
 one hundredths (47.75) feet to a bolt in the stone
 wall on the Southwesterly side of Weld Street so
 called shown on said plan, thence Northwesterly more
 Easterly crossing said Weld Street obliquely sixty nine
 and ten one hundredths (69.10) feet to a bolt in the
 stone wall on the Northwesterly side of said Weld Street
 thence turning at an acute angle and running Northwesterly

along said North easterly side line of said Weld Street
 three hundred sixty two and ninety one one hundredths
 (362.91) feet to a bolt in the wall in the North easterly
 side line of said Weld Street, thence South westerly
 across said Weld Street forty one (41) feet to a bolt
 in the stone wall on the South westerly side of said
 Weld Street, thence Easterly, southeasterly and Southerly
 by a curve on a radius of twenty feet thirty one and
 seventy seven one hundredths (31.77) feet to a stake;
 thence South westerly curving to the right with a radius
 of nineteen hundred ten and eight one hundredths feet
 one hundred seventy eight and twenty six one hun-
 dredths (178.26) feet to a stake, thence South westerly
 by a straight line two hundred twenty three and
 ninety one one hundredths (223.91) feet to a stake;
 thence South westerly and Southerly curving to the left
 on a radius of nineteen hundred ten and eight one
 hundredths feet, three hundred twenty and twenty five
 one hundredths (320.25) feet to centre of the stone wall
 thence on the same curve sixty one and forty one hun-
 dredths (61.40) feet to centre of stone wall, thence on the
 same curve two hundred and eight one hundredths
 (200.08) feet to a stake, thence Southerly by a straight
 line, one hundred seventy four and sixty seven one
 hundredths (174.67) feet to a stake; thence Southerly
 South westerly, westerly and North westerly curving sharp-
 ly to the right on a radius of twenty feet forty six
 and forty one one hundredths (46.41) feet to a stake in
 the North easterly side line of said Church Street; thence
 South easterly, nearly Southerly crossing said Church Street
 obliquely, seventy three and twenty one hundredths (73.20)
 feet to a bolt in the wall on the South westerly side
 line of said Church Street, thence South easterly, South
 westerly curving to the right on a radius of forty feet
 thirty two and fifteen one hundredths (32.15) feet to a
 stake; thence South westerly nearly Southerly by a straight
 line two hundred fifty and seventy nine one hundredths
 (250.79) feet to a stake, thence South westerly more West-
 erly curving to the right on a radius of thirty eight
 hundred nineteen and eighty three one hundredths feet
 sixty four and sixty four one hundredths (64.64) feet to
 centre of stone wall; thence on the same curve one hun-

dred eighty and eighty four one hundredths (80.84) feet
 to centre of stone wall: thence on the same curve four
 hundred twenty one and fifty five one hundredths
 (421.55) feet to a stake, thence southerly by a straight
 line fifty nine and seventy one hundredths (59.71) feet
 to a stake, thence more southerly curving to the left
 on a radius of twenty one hundred thirty five and
 thirty nine one hundredths feet one hundred nine
 teen and sixty one hundredths (119.61) feet to a stake
 thence southerly and south westerly curving sharply
 to the right on a radius of twenty feet twenty three
 and eighty nine one hundredths (23.89) feet to a bolt
 in the stone wall on the north westerly side of said
 Centre Street, thence southerly crossing said Centre
 Street obliquely sixty eight (68) feet to a stake in the
 south easterly side line of said Centre Street, thence
 easterly, south easterly and southerly curving sharply
 to the right on a radius of twenty feet thirty seven &
 sixty one one hundredths, (37.61) feet to a stake thence
 southerly curving to the left on a radius of twenty
 one hundred thirty five and thirty nine one hundredths
 feet one hundred thirty five and fifty four one hun
 dredths (135.54) feet to a stake, thence southerly curv
 ing to the left on a radius of thirty two hundred feet
 seventeen (17) feet to a stake in the northerly side
 line of location of the New York, New Haven & Bank
 ford Railroad Company: thence on the same curve
 crossing the location of said Railroad Company eight
 ty three and fifty three one hundredths (83.53) feet to
 a stake in the southerly side line of the location of
 said railroad, thence on the same curve one hun
 dred one and one one hundredths (101.01) feet to a
 stake, thence on the same curve forty one and sixty
 seven one hundredths (41.67) feet to a stake, thence on
 the same curve one hundred eighteen and ninety one
 hundredths (118.91) feet to a stake, thence on the same
 curve eighty eight and twenty one hundredths (88.21)
 feet to a stake in the north easterly side line of Beech
 Street so called as shown on said plan, thence on the
 same curve crossing said Beech Street obliquely forty three
 and fifty eight one hundredths (43.58) feet to a stake
 in the south westerly side line of said Beech Street, thence

on the same curve one hundred eighty six & twenty five one hundredths (186.25) feet to a stake in the North westerly side line of said Anawan Avenue thence on the same curve crossing said Anawan Avenue obliquely sixty five and seventy eight one hundredths (65.78) feet to a stake in the South easterly side line of said Anawan Avenue at a point marked B on said plan: thence turning at an acute angle and running north easterly by a line co-incident with the South Easterly side line of said Anawan Avenue one hundred sixty seven and ninety one one hundredths (167.91) feet to a point formed by the intersection of said side line of said Anawan Avenue with the South westerly side line of said Beech street, thence by the same line continued crossing Beech street [substantially at right angles] to a point formed by the intersection of said side line of said Anawan Avenue with the North Easterly side line of said Beech street: thence continuing in the same straight line being said side line of said Anawan Avenue sixty seven and twenty one one hundredths (67.21) feet to a stake at the point marked A on said plan, the place of beginning Expressly excepting however from the operation of this instrument of taking so much of the land above described shown on said plan, as is comprised within that portion of the location of said New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company included in the foregoing description comprising exclusive of the location of said railroad twenty five (25) distinct parcels of land numbered consecutively upon said plan 88 to 113 inclusive excepting No 100 belonging to said railroad as aforesaid said parcels other than streets being owned according to the best information and belief of said Commissioners by the following named persons, the numbers of the respective lots according to the numbering on said plan, being given after their respective names: Edw. P. Morrill et al. 91, 92 and 97; Henry Schultenkorf 93; William Roberts, 94; Frank A. Keasbury 95; G. P. and R. P. Decatur 96; Cyrus Homer 98; Daniel S. Meserve 99; George E. Black and William S. Mitchell 101; Louis B. Margot 102; Elise R. Piquet 103; Benjamin Brown heirs 105; First Parish West Roxbury 106; Aaron D. Wild heirs 107, 108, 109, 110, and 111; Alice Williams 112.

The following named parcels - viz. public streets of the City of Boston and the numbers given after each name are according to said plan Anawan Avenue 88 and 90; Beech Street 89; Centre Street 104; Church Street 108; Weld Street 113. Intending to take and hereby taking each and every tract estate or parcel or part thereof included within the foregoing description or howsoever otherwise bounded or described and by said measurements or any of them more or less. Witness our hands this thirtieth day of November A.D. 1894. Metropolitan Park Commission, Charles Francis Adams Chairman Philip A. Chase William B. de los Basas A. C. Richards Wm. L. Chase.

Know All Men by these Presents That whereas, the Metropolitan Park Commission duly established under and by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, being Chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893 has taken, with the concurrence of and in consultation with the proper local board being the Board of Park Commissioners for the City of Boston, in the County of Suffolk in said Commonwealth and for the purposes defined in said Act, certain real estate referred to or described in the taking to which this instrument is annexed, dated this day these presents being hereby made a part thereof which real estate lies wholly in said Boston in this park thereof known as West Roxbury and is shown upon a plan marked "Plan of Taking for Parkway in West Roxbury by Metropolitan Park Commission dated Boston October 10, 1894. William Jackson City Engineer being Metropolitan Park Commissioners' Plan no. 16 to be recorded herewith. Now therefore, the said Board of Park Commissioners for said City of Boston all duly chosen qualified and acting, doth hereby join in and signify its approval of said taking and its concurrence with the said Metropolitan Park Commission therein, and in every act matter and thing connected therewith. Witness our hands this thirtieth day of November A.D. 1894. Charles F. Sprague Francis A. Walker John F. Andrew The Board of Park Commissioners for the City of Boston December 15, 1894. At one o'clock & three minutes P.M. Fred Lutz Grand

Attachment 2

Article XCVII. Article XLIX of the Amendments to the Constitution is hereby annulled and the following is adopted in place thereof: - The people shall have the right to clean air and water, freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic qualities of their environment; and the protection of the people in their right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water, air and other natural resources is hereby declared to be a public purpose.

The general court shall have the power to enact legislation necessary or expedient to protect such rights.

In the furtherance of the foregoing powers, the general court shall have the power to provide for the taking, upon payment of just compensation therefor, or for the acquisition by purchase or otherwise, of lands and easements or such other interests therein as may be deemed necessary to accomplish these purposes.

Lands and easements taken or acquired for such purposes shall not be used for other purposes or otherwise disposed of except by laws enacted by a two thirds vote, taken by yeas and nays, of each branch of the general court.

Attachment 3

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OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING
THE DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC LANDS UNDER THE
"CLEAN ENVIRONMENT" AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF MASSACHUSETTS

*By Robert H. Quinn**

In November, 1972, the voters of Massachusetts approved an amendment to the state constitution which established the right to a clean environment for every citizen.¹ Subsequently, the Massachusetts House of Representatives addressed several questions to me, as Attorney General, regarding those provisions in the amendment (Article 97) requiring that acts concerning the disposition of, or certain changes in, the use of public lands be approved by a two-thirds roll call vote of each branch of the Legislature.²

The questions were as follows.

1. Do the provisions of the last paragraph of Article XCVII of the Articles of the Amendments to the Constitution requiring a two-thirds vote by each branch of the general court, before a change can be made in the use or disposition of land and easements acquired for a purpose described in said Article, apply to all land and easements held for such a purpose regardless of the date of acquisition or, in the alternative, do they apply only to land and easements acquired for such purposes after the effective date of said Article of Amendments?

2. Does the disposition or change of use of land held for park purposes requires a two thirds vote, to be taken by the yeas and nays of each branch of the general court, as provided in Article XCVII of the Articles of the Amendments to the Constitution, or would a majority vote of each branch be sufficient for approval?

3. Do the words "natural resources" as used in the first paragraph of Article XCVII of the Articles of the Amendments to the Constitution include ocean, shellfish and inland fisheries; wild birds, including song and insectivorous birds; wild mammals and game; sea and fresh water fish of every description; forests and all uncultivated flora, together with public shade and ornamental trees and shrubs; land, soil and soil resources, lakes, ponds, streams, coastal, underground and surface waters; minerals and natural deposits, as formerly set out in the definition of

the words "natural resources" in paragraph two of section one of chapter twenty-one of the General Laws (of Massachusetts)?

4. Do the provisions of the fourth paragraph of Article XCVII of the Articles of the Amendments to the Constitution apply to any or all of the following means of disposition or change in use of land held for a public purpose: conveyance of land; long-term lease for inconsistent use; short-term lease, two years or less, for an inconsistent use; the granting or giving of an easement for an inconsistent use; or any agency action with regard to land under its control if an inconsistent use?

The proposed amendment to the Constitution was agreed to by the majority of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, in joint session, on August 5, 1969 and again on May 12, 1971, and became part of the Constitution by approval by the voters at the state election next following, on November 7, 1972. The full text of Article 97 is as follows:

ART. XCVII. Article XLIX of the Amendments to the Constitution is hereby annulled and the following is adopted in place thereof:—The people shall have the right to clean air and water, freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic qualities of their environment; and the protection of the people in their right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water, air and other natural resources is hereby declared to be a public purpose.

The general court shall have the power to enact legislation necessary or expedient to protect such rights.

In the furtherance of the foregoing powers, the general court shall have the power to provide for the taking, upon payment of just compensation therefor, or for the acquisition by purchase or otherwise, of lands and easements or such other interests therein as may be deemed necessary to accomplish these purposes.

Lands and easements taken or acquired for such purposes shall not be used for other purposes or otherwise disposed of except by laws enacted by a two thirds vote, taken by yeas and nays, of each branch of the general court.

I. QUESTION ONE

The first question of the House of Representatives asks, in effect, whether the two-thirds roll-call vote requirement is retroactive, to be applied to lands and easements acquired prior to the effective date of Article 97, November 7, 1972. For the reasons below, I answer in the affirmative.

The Legislature did not propose this Amendment nor was it approved by the voting public without a sense of history nor void of a

purpose worthy of a constitutional amendment. Examination of our constitutional history firmly establishes that the two-thirds roll-call vote requirement applies to public lands wherever taken or acquired.

Specifically, Article 97 annuls Article 49, in effect since November 5, 1918. Under that Article the Legislature was empowered to provide for the taking or acquisition of lands, easements and interests therein "for the purpose of securing and promoting the proper conservation, development, utilization and control" [of] "agricultural, mineral, forest, water and other natural resources of the commonwealth." Although inclusion of the word "air" in this catalogue as it appears in Article 97 may make this new article slightly broader than the supplanted Article 49 as to purposes for which the Legislature may provide for the taking or acquisition of land, it is clear that land taken or acquired under the earlier Article over nearly fifty years is now to be subjected to the two-thirds vote requirement for changes in use or other dispositions. Indeed all land whenever taken or acquired is now subject to the new voting requirement. The original draftsmen of the Massachusetts Constitution prudently included in Article 10 of the Declaration of Rights a broad constitutional basis for the taking of private land to be applied to public uses, without limitation on what are "public uses." By way of acts of the Legislature as well as through generous gifts of many citizens, the Commonwealth and Massachusetts cities and towns have acquired parkland and reservations. To claim that new Article 97 does not give the same care and protection for all these existing public lands as for lands acquired by the foresight of future legislators or the generosity of future citizens would ignore public purposes deemed important in Massachusetts laws since the beginning of the Commonwealth.

Moreover, if this amendment were only prospective in effect, it would be virtually meaningless. In Massachusetts, with a life commencing in the early 1600s and already cramped for land, it is most unlikely that the Legislature and the voters would choose to protect only those acres hereafter added to the many thousands already held for public purposes. The comment of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court concerning the earlier Article 49 is applicable here: "It must be presumed that the convention proposed and the people approved and ratified the Forty-ninth Amendment with reference to the practical affairs of mankind and not as a mere theoretical announcement."³

II. QUESTION TWO

In its second question the House asks, in effect, whether the two-thirds roll-call vote requirement applies to land held for park purposes, as the term "park" is generally understood. My answer is in the affirmative, for the reasons below.

One major purpose of Article 97 is to ensure that the people shall have "the right to clean air and water, freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic qualities of their environment." The fulfillment of these rights is uniquely carried out by parkland acquisition. As the Supreme Judicial Court has declared:

The healthful and civilizing influence of parks in or near congested areas of population is of more than local interest and becomes a concern of the State under modern conditions. It relates not only to the public health in its narrow sense, but to broader considerations of exercise, refreshment, and enjoyment.⁴

A second major purpose of Article 97 is "the protection of the people in their right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water, air and other natural resources." Parkland protection can afford not only the conservation of forests, water and air but also a means of utilizing these resources in harmony with their conservation. Parkland can undeniably be said to be acquired for the purposes in Article 97 and is thus subject to the two-thirds roll-call requirement.

This question as to parks raises a further practical matter in regard to implementing Article 97 which warrants further discussion. The reasons the Legislature employs to explain its actions can be of countless levels of specificity or generality and land might conceivably be acquired for general recreation purposes or for very explicit uses such as the playing of baseball, the flying of kites, for evening strolls or for Sunday afternoon concerts. Undoubtedly, to the average man, such land would serve as a park but at even a more legalistic level it clearly can also be observed that such land was acquired, in the language of Article 97, because it was a "resource" which could best be "utilized" and "developed" by being "conserved" within a park. But it is not surprising that most land taken or acquired for public use is acquired under the specific terms of statutes which may not match verbatim the more general terms found in Article 10 of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution or in Articles 39, 43, 49, 51 and 97 of the Amendments. Land originally acquired for limited or specific public purposes is thus not to

be excluded from the operation of the two-thirds roll-call vote requirement for lack of express invocation of the more general purposes of Article 97. Rather the scope of the Amendment is to be very broadly construed, not only because of the greater broadness in "public purpose", changed from "public uses" appearing in Article 49, but also because Article 97 establishes that the protection to be afforded by the Amendment is not only of public uses but of certain express rights of the people.

Thus, all land, easements and interests therein are covered by Article 97 if taken or acquired for "the protection of the people in their right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water, air and other natural resources" as these terms are broadly construed. While small greens remaining as the result of constructing public highways may be excluded, it is suggested that parks, monuments, reservations, athletic fields, concert areas and playgrounds clearly qualify. Given the spirit of the Amendment and the duty of the Legislature, it would seem prudent to classify lands and easements taken or acquired for specific purposes not found verbatim in Article 97 as nevertheless subject to Article 97 if reasonable doubt exists concerning their actual status.

III. QUESTION THREE

The third question of the House asks, in effect, how the words "natural resources", as appearing in Article 97, are to be defined.

Several statutes offer assistance to the Legislature, all without limiting what are "natural resources". Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) ch. 21, §1 defines "natural resources", for the purposes of Department of Natural Resources jurisdiction, as including:

ocean, shellfish and inland fisheries; wild birds, including song and insectivorous birds, wild mammals and game; sea and fresh water fish of every description; forests and all uncultivated flora, together with public shade and ornamental trees and shrubs; land, soil and soil resources, lakes, ponds, streams, coastal, underground and surface waters; minerals and natural deposits.

In addition, M.G.L. ch. 12, §11D, establishing a Division of Environmental Protection under the Attorney General, uses the words "natural resources" in such a way as to include air, water, "rivers, streams, flood plains, lakes, ponds or other surface or subsurface water resources" and "seashores, dunes, marine resources, wetlands, open spaces, natural areas, parks or historic districts or sites." M.G.L. ch. 214, §10A, the so-called citizen-suit statute, con-

tains a recitation substantially identical. To these lists Article 97 would add only "agricultural" resources.

It is safe to say, as a consequence, that the term "natural resources" should be taken to signify *at least* these catalogued items. Public lands taken or acquired to conserve, develop or utilize any of these resources are thus subject to Article 97.

It is apparent that the Legislature has never sought to apply any limitation to the term "natural resources" but instead has viewed the term as an evolving one which should be expanded according to the needs of the time and the term was originally inserted in our Constitution for just that reason.⁵ The resources enumerated above should, therefore, be regarded as examples of and not delimiting what are "natural resources."

IV. QUESTION FOUR

The fourth question of the House requires a determination of the scope of activities which is intended by the words: "shall not be used for other purposes or otherwise disposed of."

The term "disposed" has never developed a precise legal meaning. As the Supreme Court has noted, "The word is *nomen generalissimum*, and standing by itself, without qualification, has no technical signification."⁶ The Supreme Court has indicated however, that "disposition" may include a lease.⁷ Other cases on unrelated subjects suggest that in Massachusetts the word "dispose" can include all forms of transfer no matter how complete or incomplete.⁸

In this absence of precise legal meaning, *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* is helpful. "Dispose of" is defined as "to transfer into new hands or to the control of someone else." A change in physical or legal control would thus prove to be determinative.

I therefore conclude that the "dispositions" for which a two-thirds roll-call vote of each branch of the General Court is required include: transfers of legal or physical control between agencies of government, between political subdivisions, and between levels of government, of lands, easements and interests therein originally taken or acquired for the purposes stated in Article 97, and transfers from public ownership to private. Outright conveyance, takings by eminent domain, long-term and short-term leases of whatever length, the granting or taking of easements and all means of transfer or change of legal or physical control are thereby covered, without limitation and without regard to whether the transfer be for the same or different uses or consistent or inconsistent purposes.

This interpretation affords a more objective test, and is more

easily applied, than "used for other purposes." Under Article 97 that standard must be applied by the Legislature, however, in circumstances which cannot be characterized as a disposition—that is, when a transfer or change in physical or legal control does not occur. A change of use within a governmental agency or within a political subdivision would serve as an apt example. Within any agency or political subdivision any land, easement or interest therein, if originally taken or acquired for the purposes stated in Article 97, may not be "used for other purposes" without the requisite two-thirds roll-call vote of each branch of the Legislature.

It may be helpful to note how Article 97 is to be read with the so-called doctrine of "prior public use," application of which also turns on changes in use. That doctrine holds that

public lands devoted to one public use cannot be diverted to another inconsistent public use without plain and explicit legislation authorizing the diversion.⁹

The doctrine of "prior public use" is derived from many early cases which establish its applicability to transfers between corporations granted limited powers of the Commonwealth, such as eminent domain, and authority over water and railroad easements.¹⁰ The doctrine was also applied at an early date to transfers between such corporations and municipalities and counties.¹¹

The doctrine of "prior public use" has in more modern times been applied to the following transfers between governmental agencies or political subdivisions: (1) a transfer between state agencies;¹² (2) transfers between a state agency and a special state authority;¹³ (3) a transfer between a special state commission and special state authority;¹⁴ (4) transfers between municipalities;¹⁵ (5) transfers between state agencies and municipalities;¹⁶ (6) a transfer between a special state authority and a municipality;¹⁷ (7) a transfer between a state agency and a county;¹⁸ and (8) transfers between counties and municipalities.¹⁹

The doctrine has also been applied to the following changes of use of public lands within governmental agencies or within political subdivisions: (1) intra-agency uses;²⁰ (2) intramunicipality uses;²¹ and (3) intracounty uses.²² The doctrine may also possibly reach *de facto* changes in use,²³ and may be available to protect reservation land held by charitable corporations.²⁴ In addition to these extensions of the doctrine, special statutory protections, codifying the doctrine of "prior public use", are afforded local parkland and commons²⁵ and public cemeteries.²⁶

This is the background against which Article 97 was approved.

The doctrine of "prior public use" requires legislative action, by majority vote, to divert land from one public use to another inconsistent public use. As the scope of the doctrine discussed above indicates, the doctrine requires an act of the Legislature regardless of whether the land in question is held by the Commonwealth, its agencies, special authorities and commissions, political subdivisions or by certain corporations granted powers of the sovereign. And the doctrine applies regardless of whether the public use for which the land in question is held in a conservation purpose.

As to all such changes in use previously covered by the doctrine of "prior public use" the new Article 97 will only change the requisite vote of the Legislature from majority to two-thirds. Article 97 is designed to supplement, not supplant, the doctrine of "prior public use."

Article 97 will be of special significance, though, where the doctrine of "prior public use" has not yet been applied. For instance, legislation and a two-thirds roll-call vote of the Legislature will now, for the first time, be required even where a transfer of land or easement between governmental agencies, between political subdivisions, or between levels of government is made with no change in the use of the land, and even where a transfer is from public control to private.

Whether legislation pending before the General Court is subject to Article 97, or the doctrine of "prior public use," or both, it is recommended that the legislation meet the high standard of specificity set by the Supreme Judicial Court in a case involving the doctrine of "prior public use":

We think it is essential to the expression of plain and explicit authority to divert [public lands] to a new and inconsistent public use that the Legislature identify the land and that there appear in the legislation not only a statement of the new use but a statement or recital showing in some way legislative awareness of the existing public use. In short, the legislation should express not merely the public will for the new use but its willingness to surrender or forgo the existing use.²⁷

Each piece of legislation which may be subject to Article 97 should, in addition, be drawn so as to identify the parties to any planned disposition of the land.

CONCLUSIONS

Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution establishes the right of the people to clean air and water, freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural, scenic, his-

toric and esthetic qualities of their environment. The protection of the people in their right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water, air and other natural resources is declared to be a public purpose. Lands, easements and interests therein taken or acquired for such public purposes are not to be disposed of or used for other purposes except by two-thirds roll-call vote of both the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives.

Answering the questions of the House of Representatives, I advise that the two-thirds roll-call vote requirement of Article 97 applies to all lands, easements and interests therein *whenever* taken or acquired for Article 97 conservation, development or utilization purposes, even prior to the effective date of Article 97, November 7, 1972. The Amendment applies to land, easements and interests therein held by the Commonwealth, or any of its agencies or political subdivisions, such as cities, towns and counties.

I advise that "natural resources" given protection under Article 97 would include at the very least, without limitation: air, water, wetlands, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, coastal, underground and surface waters, flood plains, seashores, dunes, marine resources, ocean, shellfish and inland fisheries, wild birds including song and insectivorous birds, wild mammals and game, sea and fresh water fish of every description, forests and all uncultivated flora, together with public shade and ornamental trees and shrubs, land, soil and soil resources, minerals and natural deposits, agricultural resources, open spaces, natural areas, and parks and historic districts or sites.

I advise that Article 97 requires a two-thirds roll-call vote of the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives for all transfers between agencies of government and between political subdivisions of lands, easements or interests therein originally taken or acquired for Article 97 purposes, and transfers of such land, easements or interests therein from one level of government to another, or from public ownership to private. This is so without regard to whether the transfer be for the same or different uses or consistent or inconsistent purposes. I so advise because such transfers are "dispositions" under the terms of the new Amendment, and because "disposition" includes any change of legal or physical control, including but not limited to outright conveyance, eminent domain takings, long and short-term leases of whatever length and the granting or taking of easements.

I also advise that *intra*-agency changes in uses of land from Article 97 purposes, although they are not "dispositions", are similarly

subject to the two-thirds roll-call vote requirement.

Read against the background of the existing doctrine of "prior public use", Article 97 will thus for the first time require legislation and a special vote of the Legislature even where a transfer of land between governmental agencies, between political subdivisions or between levels of government results in no change in the use of land, and even where a transfer is made from public control to private. I suggest that whether legislation pending before the General Court is subject to Article 97, or the doctrine of "prior public use", or both, the very highest standard of specificity should be required of the draftsmen to assure that legislation clearly identifies the locus, the present public uses of the land, the new uses contemplated, if any, and the parties to any contemplated "disposition" of the land.

In short, Article 97 seeks to prevent government from ill-considered misuse or other disposition of public lands and interests held for conservation, development or utilization of natural resources. If land is misused a portion of the public's natural resources may be forever lost, and no less so than by outright transfer. Article 97 thus provides a new range of protection for public lands far beyond existing law and much to the benefit of our natural resources and to the credit of our citizens.



FOOTNOTES

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¹Article 97 of the Articles of Amendment, Constitution of Massachusetts.

²Mass. H. 6085 (1973); this article is an edited version of the letter which I sent to Hon. David M. Bartley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, on June 6, 1973, in response to those questions.

³Opinion of the Justices, 237 Mass. 598, 608 (1921).

⁴Higginson v. Treasurer and School House Commissioners of Boston, 212 Mass. 583, 590 (1912); *see also*, Higginson v. Inhabitants of Nahant, 11 Allen 530, 536 (Mass. 1866).

⁵*See*, DEBATE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION 1917-1918, at 595.

⁶Phelps v. Harris, 101 U.S. 370, 381 (1880).

⁷U.S. v. Gratiot, 39 U.S. 526 (1840).

⁸Rogers v. Goodwin, 2 Mass. 475 (1807); Woodbridge v. Jones, 183 Mass. 549 (1903); Lord v. Smith, 293 Mass. 555 (1936).

⁹Robbins v. Department of Public Works, 355 Mass. 328, 330 (1969), and cases there cited.

¹⁰See, e.g., *Old Colony Railroad Company v. Framingham Water Company*, 153 Mass. 561 (1891); *Boston Water Power Company v. Boston and Worcester Railroad Corporation*, 23 Pick. 360 (Mass. 1839); *Boston and Maine Railroad v. Lowell and Lawrence Railroad Company*, 124 Mass. 368 (1877); *Eastern Railroad Company v. Boston and Maine Railroad*, 111 Mass. 125 (1872); and *Housatonic Railroad Company v. Lee and Hudson Railroad Company*, 118 Mass. 391 (1875).

¹¹See, e.g., *Boston and Albany Railroad Company v. City Council of Cambridge*, 166 Mass. 224 (1896) (eminent domain taking of railroad land); *Eldredge v. County Commissioners of Norfolk*, 185 Mass. 186 (1904) (eminent domain taking of railroad easement); *West Boston Bridge v. County Commissioners of Middlesex*, 10 Pick. 270 (Mass. 1830) (eminent domain taking of turnpike land); and *Inhabitants of Springfield v. Connecticut River Railroad Co.*, 4 Cush. 63 (1849) (eminent domain taking of a public way).

¹²*Robbins v. Department of Public Works*, 355 Mass. 328 (1969) (eminent domain taking of Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) wetlands).

¹³*Commonwealth v. Massachusetts Turnpike Authority*, 346 Mass. 250 (1963) (eminent domain taking of MDC land); see *Loschi v. Massachusetts Port Authority*, 354 Mass. 53 (1968) (eminent domain taking of parkland).

¹⁴*Gould v. Greylock Reservation Commission*, 350 Mass. 410 (1966) (lease of portions of Mount Greylock).

¹⁵*City of Boston v. Inhabitants of Brookline*, 156 Mass. 172 (1892) (eminent domain taking of a water easement); *Inhabitants of Quincy v. City of Boston*, 148 Mass. 389 (1889) (eminent domain taking of a public way).

¹⁶*Town of Brookline v. Metropolitan District Commission*, 357 Mass. 435 (1970) (eminent domain taking of parkland); *City of Boston v. Massachusetts Port Authority*, 356 Mass. 741 (1970) (eminent domain taking of a park).

¹⁷*Appleton v. Massachusetts Parking Authority*, 340 Mass. 303 (1960) (eminent domain, Boston Common).

¹⁸*Abbott v. Commissioners of Dukes County*, 357 Mass. 784 (1970) (Department of Natural Resources grant of navigation easement).

¹⁹*Town of Needham v. County Commissioners of Norfolk*, 324 Mass. 293 (1949) (eminent domain taking of common and park lands); *Inhabitants of Easthampton v. County Commissioners of Hampshire*, 154 Mass. 424 (1891) (eminent domain taking of school lot).

²⁰*Sacco v. Department of Public Works*, 352 Mass. 670 (1967) (filling of a portion of a Great Pond).

²¹*Higginson v. Treasurer and School House Commissioners of Boston*, 212 Mass. 583 (1912) (erecting a building on a public park); *see*, *Kean v. Stetson*, 5 Pick. 492 (1827) (road built adjoining a river).

²²*Bauer v. Mitchell*, 247 Mass. 522 (1924) (discharging sewage upon school land).

²³*See, e.g., Pilgrim Real Estate Inc. v. Superintendent of Police of Boston*, 330 Mass. 250 (1953) (parking of cars on park area).

²⁴*See, e.g., Trustees of Reservations v. Town of Stockbridge*, 348 Mass. 511 (1965) (eminent domain).

²⁵M.G.L. ch. 45.

²⁶M.G.L. ch. 114, §§17, 41; as to changes in use of public lands held by municipalities or counties generally *see*, M.G.L. ch. 40 §15A; ch. 214, §3(11).

²⁷*Robbins v. Department of Public Works*, 355 Mass. 328, 331 (1969).

Attachment 4

Chap. 849. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A SUM NECESSARY TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE SCHOOL AID DISTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF BROCKTON FOR THE YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section eighteen A of chapter fifty-eight of the General Laws to the contrary, the commissioner of corporations and taxation is hereby directed to certify to the state treasurer the amounts necessary to correct the error which occurred in the general school aid formula for the city of Brockton for the calendar year ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four. Said treasurer shall pay the amounts so certified to said city during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine, from the amount appropriated for the distributions required by said section eighteen A.

Approved December 23, 1977.

Chap. 850. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEDHAM, MILTON, NATICK, WELLESLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO LEASE EQUIPMENT, LAND AND BUILDINGS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES FOR CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The Dedham, Milton, Natick, Wellesley regional vocational technical school district is hereby authorized to lease, or lease with an option to purchase, equipment for educational purposes for periods not exceeding ten years; and to lease land and buildings or portions of buildings for educational purposes for periods not exceeding ten years. Said lease of land and buildings may contain provisions for the extension of such lease for two additional terms not in excess of five years each, exercisable at the option of the Dedham, Milton, Natick, Wellesley regional vocational technical school district committee.

Approved December 23, 1977.

Chap. 851. AN ACT DIRECTING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO SELL AND CONVEY A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CLAY CHEVROLET, INC.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized and directed to sell and convey, in the name and on behalf of the

commonwealth, to Clay Chevrolet, Inc., a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware and doing business in the commonwealth, by a quit claim deed approved as to its form by the attorney general, for such consideration as may be acceptable to said commission, a certain parcel of land under the control of said commission located on the West Roxbury parkway in the city of Boston, presently used under a lease agreement by Clay Chevrolet, Inc. Said parcel is shown on a plan entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan District Commission, Parks Division, West Roxbury Parkway, Boston (West Roxbury District), Plan of Land to be Leased to Clay Chevrolet Inc., August 24, 1953, Benjamin W. Fink, Director of Park Engineering," being plan accession number 31819, a copy of which is on file with said commission, said land being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by the northerly line of Belgrade Avenue, fifty-seven (57) feet more or less;

Westerly by land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, known as West Roxbury Parkway, one hundred twenty (120) feet more or less.

Northerly by the southerly side line of the location of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, fifty-seven (57) feet more or less; and

Easterly by land now or formerly of Clay Chevrolet, Inc., one hundred twenty-three (123) feet more or less; containing six thousand nine hundred twenty-five (6925) square feet more or less.

All proceeds from said conveyance shall be credited to the Metropolitan Parks Trust Fund as provided by section thirty-four of chapter ninety-two of the General Laws.

Approved December 23, 1977.

Chap. 852. AN ACT RELATIVE TO PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 180 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17H the following section:-

Section 17I. A single deduction on payroll schedules shall be made from the salary of any school teacher in an amount which such teacher may specify in writing to the city, town or district school committee by which he is employed; provided, however, that no specific deduction shall be made for the payment of con-

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting through its Metropolitan District Commission under the provisions of Chapter 851 of the Acts of 1977, for consideration paid in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) and other non-monetary considerations, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, grants to Clay Chevrolet, Inc., a corporation duly incorporated under the Laws of the state of Delaware with an usual place of business at 361 Belgrade Avenue, West Roxbury in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with quitclaim covenants, the land situated in the West Roxbury District of the City of Boston in said county and Commonwealth and shown on a plan entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan District Commission, Parks Division, West Roxbury Parkway - Boston, Plan of Land to be Conveyed to Clay Chevrolet, Inc. Under Chapter 851 of Acts of 1977 * * * August 24, 1953, Revised August 28, 1978 to Conform to Registers of Deeds Rules and Regulations, Richard C. Zellen, Deputy Chief Construction Engineer," being plan accession number 31819-V.T., to be recorded herewith, said land being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

- SOUTHERLY by the northerly line of Belgrade Avenue, fifty-seven (57) feet more or less;
- WESTERLY by land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts known as West Roxbury Parkway, one hundred twenty (120) feet more or less;
- NORTHERLY by the southerly side line of the location of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, fifty-seven (57) feet more or less; and
- EASTERLY by land now or formerly of Clay Chevrolet, Inc., one hundred twenty-three (123) feet more or less;

Containing six thousand nine hundred twenty-five (6,925) square feet more or less, as shown on the aforesaid plan.

Said premises are conveyed subject to the following conditions and restrictions for the benefit of the remaining land of the Grantor known as West Roxbury Parkway:

1. That all signs shall be removed from the roof of the existing building and that no new signs will be erected on the roof of said existing building or the roof of any other building which may be constructed in the future without Commission approval.
2. That the new sign will be attached to the existing building facing the Parkway, and it will not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in length and two and one-half (2½) feet in height.
3. That the said sign will read only "HOWARD CHEVROLET".
4. That additional tree planting, landscaping, fencing, etc. within the granted premises shall be subject to the approval of the Commission.
5. That said premises are conveyed subject to the condition that if at any time said premises shall cease to be used for parking purposes, then, and in that event, said Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall enter upon said premises

and repossess itself as of its former estate therein and said premises shall revert and revest in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

6. That no buildings or structures shall be constructed or maintained within the twenty (20) foot building restriction line as shown on the aforesaid plan; and that no buildings or structures will hereafter be erected or maintained on said premises without prior approval of the Commission, excepting the lighting structures as approved by the Commission.

The Grantor excepts and reserves unto itself the perpetual right and easement to enter upon said land for the purpose of sloping, embanking, filling and maintaining its remaining land appurtenant to said West Roxbury Parkway.

For Grantor's title see Order of Taking dated November 30, 1894 and recorded in Suffolk Registry of Deeds Book 2244, Page 113.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has caused these presents to be executed in its name and behalf by a majority of its said Metropolitan District Commission, including the Commissioner, who do, therefore, hereunto set their hands and seals, without, however, incurring any personal liability by reason of the execution hereof or of anything herein contained, this

7th day of Sept. , 1978.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

By: John F. Sneider Commissioner

Marianne D. Lunge
Carole B. Banks Associate

Constance J. ... Commissioners

Neil ...
being a majority of the
Metropolitan District Commission

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, ss.

September 7, 1978.

Then personally appeared the above named JOHN F. SNEDEKER, Commissioner as aforesaid, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed and the free act and deed of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

before me

Philip T. ...
Notary Public

My commission expires July 19, 1985

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
David ...
ATTORNEY GENERAL



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In Metropolitan District Commission,

Boston,

Sept. 7, 1978.

VOTED: To convey to Clay Chevrolet, Inc. under the provisions of Chapter 851 of the Acts of 1977, a certain parcel of land situated in the West Roxbury District of Boston, County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, containing six thousand nine hundred twenty-five (6,925) square feet more or less as shown on a plan entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan District Commission, Parks Division, West Roxbury Parkway - Boston, Plan of Land to be Conveyed to Clay Chevrolet, Inc. Under Chapter 851 of Acts of 1977 * * * August 24, 1953, Revised August 28, 1978 to Conform to Registers of Deeds Rules and Regulations, Richard C. Zellen, Deputy Chief Construction Engineer," being plan accession number 31819-V.T., and to execute a deed accordingly.

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Joseph S. Moran
Secretary, Metropolitan District Commission

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SJC-12243

VIRGINIA B. SMITH & others¹ vs. CITY OF WESTFIELD & others.²

Hampden. April 6, 2017. - October 2, 2017.

Present: Gants, C.J., Lenk, Hines, Gaziano, Lowy, & Budd, JJ.³

Municipal Corporations, Parks, Use of municipal property. Parks and Parkways. Constitutional Law, Taking of property. Due Process of Law, Taking of property.

Civil action commenced in the Superior Court Department on April 27, 2012.

The case was heard by Daniel A. Ford, J.

After review by the Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court granted leave to obtain further appellate review.

Thomas A. Kenefick, III (Mary Patryn also present) for the plaintiffs.

Seth Schofield, Assistant Attorney General, for the Commonwealth, amicus curiae.

Anthony I. Wilson (John T. Liebel also present) for city of Westfield.

¹ Twenty four individuals residing in Westfield and Holyoke.

² The city council of Westfield and the mayor of Westfield.

³ Justice Hines participated in the deliberation on this case prior to her retirement.

The following submitted briefs for amici curiae:
Luke H. Legere & Gregor I. McGregor for Massachusetts
Association of Conservation Commissions, Inc.
Edward J. DeWitt for Association to Preserve Cape Cod, Inc.
Sanjoy Mahajan, pro se.
Phelps T. Turner for Conservation Law Foundation.
Jeffrey R. Porter & Colin G. Van Dyke for Trustees of
Reservations & others.

GANTS, C.J. Article 97 of the Amendments to the
Massachusetts Constitution, approved by the Legislature and
ratified by the voters in 1972, provides that "[l]ands and
easements taken or acquired" for conservation purposes "shall
not be used for other purposes or otherwise disposed of" without
the approval of a two-thirds roll call vote of each branch of
the Legislature. The issue on appeal is whether a proposed
change in use of municipal parkland may be governed by art. 97
where the land was not taken by eminent domain and where there
is no restriction recorded in the registry of deeds that limits
its use to conservation or recreational purposes. We conclude
that there are circumstances where municipal parkland may be
protected by art. 97 without any such recorded restriction,
provided the land has been dedicated as a public park. A city
or town dedicates land as a public park where there is a clear
and unequivocal intent to dedicate the land permanently as a
public park and where the public accepts such use by actually
using the land as a public park. Because the municipal land at

issue in this case has been dedicated as a public park, we conclude that it is protected by art. 97.⁴

Background. The subject of this appeal is a parcel of property owned by the city of Westfield (city), known as the John A. Sullivan Memorial Playground or Cross Street Playground (the parcel or Cross Street Playground), on which the city seeks to build an elementary school. The parcel contains 5.3 acres of land and includes two little league baseball fields and a playground. Because the parcel's history is at the center of the parties' dispute in this case, we recount it in some detail.

The parcel has served as a public playground for more than sixty years. The city obtained title to the parcel in 1939 through an action to foreclose a tax lien for nonpayment of taxes. In 1946, the city planning board recommended that the land be used for a "new playground," and referred the matter to the mayor. The city council voted in 1948 to turn over "full charge and control" of the property to the playground commission, and in 1949 to transfer funds to the commission to cover costs of "work to be done on Cross [Street] Playground." In November, 1957, the city council passed an ordinance formally

⁴ We acknowledge the amicus briefs submitted by the Attorney General on behalf of the Commonwealth; the Association to Preserve Cape Cod, Inc.; the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, Inc.; Sanjoy Mahajan; the Conservation Law Foundation; and the Trustees of the Reservation, Massachusetts Audubon Society and Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition.

naming the playground the "John A. Sullivan Memorial Playground."⁵ The mayor approved the ordinance early in 1958. Despite the name formally given, the parcel eventually came to be commonly known as the "Cross Street Playground."

In 1979, working in cooperation with the State government, the city applied for and received a grant from the Federal government (as well as matching funds from the State) to rehabilitate several of its playgrounds, including the Cross Street Playground. The Federal conservation funds that the city received were made available by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (act). See P.L. 88-578, 78 Stat. 900 (1964), codified as 16 U.S.C. § 4601-8 (1976).⁶ The purpose of the act is to assure "outdoor recreation resources" for "all American people of present and future generations" by enabling "all levels of government and private interests to take prompt and coordinated action to the extent practicable without diminishing or affecting their respective powers and functions to conserve, develop, and utilize such resources for the benefit and

⁵ The ordinance declared that the "parcel of land heretofore designated as a public playground, beginning at a point in the Westerly line of Cross Street," would be "hereafter known as the JOHN A. SULLIVAN MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND."

⁶ The relevant provision of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 is presently codified at 54 U.S.C. § 200305 (2012 & Supp. II). However, in this opinion we refer to the provision in effect at the time of the grant application in question, 16 U.S.C. § 4601-8 (1976).

enjoyment of the American people." 16 U.S.C. § 4601 (1976). Grant money distributed pursuant to the act is known as LWCF funding.

The act imposed several key requirements on States seeking LWCF funding in support of local park projects. First, it required States to develop a "comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan" (SCORP) setting forth, among other information, the State's evaluation of its need for outdoor recreation resources and designating the State agency that would represent the State in the LWCF funding process. Id. at § 4601-8(d).⁷ The act also mandated that "[n]o property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall . . . be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses" without the approval of the United States Secretary of the Interior (Secretary). Id. at § 4601-8(f)(3). Further, the act stated that "the Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably

⁷ In Massachusetts, the Land and Water Conservation Fund program is administered through the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. See Massachusetts Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs 1 (2012), <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/dcs/scorp-2012-final.pdf> [<https://perma.cc/F4D6-W4MS>]

equivalent usefulness and location." Id. The grant agreement for rehabilitation of the Cross Street Playground indicates that the grant was expressly conditioned on compliance with the act. Therefore, by accepting the Federal monies under the act, the city forfeited the ability to convert any part of the Cross Street Playground to a use other than public outdoor recreation unilaterally; such a conversion could only proceed with the approval of the Secretary. The 2006 Massachusetts SCORP states explicitly that "[l]and acquired or developed with [LWCF] funds become[s] protected under the Massachusetts Constitution (Article 97) and [F]ederal regulations -- and cannot be converted from intended use without permission" from the National Park Service and Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. See Massachusetts Outdoors 2006: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs 4, <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/dcs/massoutdoor2006.pdf> [<https://perma.cc/T3D7-4EKN>]. See also Massachusetts Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs 2 (2012), <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/dcs/scorp-2012-final.pdf> [<https://perma.cc/F4D6-W4MS>] (describing land funded by LWCF as protected under art. 97).⁸ The restrictions imposed by the act

⁸ The record does not reflect how the Massachusetts

on the management of land acquired or developed with LWCF funding remain in full effect over the Cross Street Playground. See 54 U.S.C. § 200305(f) (3) (2012 & Supp. II).

In 2009, a report on a survey of the city's parks and open space conducted by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Pioneer Valley planning commission, and the Franklin Regional council of governments included a map that identifies the Cross Street Playground as "permanently protected open space." A year later, the city's mayor endorsed an open space plan which noted that, although not all public land is "permanently committed for conservation purposes," Cross Street Playground was public land with a "full" degree of protection and "active" recreation potential.

On August 18, 2011, the city council voted to transfer the entire Cross Street Playground from the city's parks and recreation department to its school department for the purpose of constructing a new elementary school on the land. In 2012, the city began a demolition process that included taking down century-old trees and removing a portion of the playground.

The plaintiffs, a group of city residents, commenced this action in April, 2012, naming the city and city council as defendants, as well as the mayor and city councillors in their

comprehensive Statewide outdoor recreation plan (SCORP) in effect at the time of the 1979 grant application characterized the status of the Cross Street Playground.

official capacities. The plaintiffs sought a restraining order to halt the construction project under G. L. c. 214, § 7A, and G. L. c. 40, § 53.⁹ In addition, the plaintiffs sought relief in the nature of mandamus under G. L. c. 249, § 5, requesting that the court order the defendants to comply with art. 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution prior to any construction or operation of a new school on any part of the Cross Street Playground.

A Superior Court judge issued a temporary restraining order to halt construction of the school on the Cross Street Playground in September, 2012, and later granted the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction. In issuing the injunction, the judge agreed with the defendants that "the failure to build a new public school would have an adverse impact on the residents of the city, specifically the children, who are currently learning in outdated and decaying schools." But the judge made clear that she was "not prohibiting the construction of a new school"; she was "merely ordering the [c]ity to comply with the law before it proceeds."

⁹ Under G. L. c. 214, § 7A, the Superior Court may determine whether damage to the environment is about to occur and restrain the person who is about to cause it, provided that the damage about to be caused constitutes a violation of a statute, ordinance, by-law or regulation the major purpose of which is to prevent or minimize damage to the environment. "General Laws c. 40, § 53, provides a mechanism for taxpayers to enforce laws relating to the expenditure of tax money by a local government." See LeClair v. Norwell, 430 Mass. 328, 332 (1999).

The parties later submitted cross motions for the entry of judgment based on an agreed statement of facts, essentially asking the court to decide whether the preliminary injunction should be made permanent or vacated. By this stage of the litigation, the parties had stipulated that the only question for decision was whether the Cross Street Playground was protected by art. 97. Another Superior Court judge concluded that the Supreme Judicial Court in Mahajan v. Department of Env'tl. Protection, 464 Mass. 604, 615 (2013), "decided that a parcel of land acquires Article 97 protection only when the land is specifically designated for Article 97 purposes by a recorded instrument." Because there was no recorded instrument designating that the Cross Street Playground was to be used as a playground or for any other recreational purpose, the judge concluded that the parcel was not protected by art. 97. Consequently, he vacated the preliminary injunction and ordered judgment to enter for the defendants.

The plaintiffs appealed, and the Appeals Court affirmed the judgment. Smith v. Westfield, 90 Mass. App. Ct. 80, 81 (2016). The Appeals Court agreed with the motion judge that land is protected by art. 97 only where it was taken or acquired for conservation or another purpose set forth in art. 97, or where "the land is specifically designated for art. 97 purposes by deed or other recorded restriction." Id. at 82. Justice

Milkey, in a concurrence, agreed that the Supreme Judicial Court opinions in Selectmen of Hanson v. Lindsay, 444 Mass. 502, 506-509 (2005), and Mahajan, 464 Mass. at 615-616, "appear to say" that, where land was taken or acquired for non-art. 97 purposes, it will only be subject to art. 97 "where the restricted use has been recorded on the deed, e.g., through a conservation restriction." Smith, 90 Mass. App. Ct. at 86. But Justice Milkey invited this court to "revisit such precedent," id. at 84, declaring, "Nothing in the language or purpose of art. 97 suggests that its application should turn on whether the underlying deed provides record notice that the land has been committed to an art. 97 use." Id. at 87. He concluded, "The overriding point of art. 97 is to insulate dedicated parkland from short-term political pressures. I fear that the effect of Hanson and Mahajan is to rob art. 97 of its intended force with regard to a great deal of dedicated parkland across the Commonwealth." Id. at 88. We allowed the plaintiff's application for further appellate review.

Discussion. Article 97 provides, among other things, that "[t]he people shall have the right to clean air and water . . . and the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic qualities of their environment." It declares a "public purpose" in "the protection of the people in their right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral,

forest, water, air and other natural resources." Id. It grants the Legislature the power "to provide for the taking, upon payment of just compensation therefor, or for the acquisition by purchase or otherwise, of lands and easements or such other interests therein as may be deemed necessary to accomplish these purposes." Id. And, most importantly for purposes of this appeal, it provides: "Lands and easements taken or acquired for such purposes shall not be used for other purposes or otherwise disposed of except by laws enacted by a two thirds vote, taken by yeas and nays, of each branch of the general court." Id.¹⁰

¹⁰ The full text of art. 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution annuls art. 49 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution and then provides:

"The people shall have the right to clean air and water; freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic qualities of their environment; and the protection of the people in their right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water, air and other natural resources is hereby declared to be a public purpose.

"The general court shall have the power to enact legislation necessary or expedient to protect such rights.

"In the furtherance of the foregoing powers, the general court shall have the power to provide for the taking, upon payment of just compensation therefor, or for the acquisition by purchase or otherwise, of lands and easements or such other interests therein as may be deemed necessary to accomplish these purposes.

"Lands and easements taken or acquired for such purposes shall not be used for other purposes or otherwise disposed of except by laws enacted by a two thirds vote,

The issue on appeal requires us to interpret the meaning of art. 97 to determine whether the Cross Street Playground is protected land under art. 97 that may be used for another purpose -- here, the purpose of building a public school -- only by obtaining the approval by a two-thirds vote of each branch of the Legislature. We do not interpret art. 97 on a clean slate. We have recognized that the language of art. 97 is "relatively imprecise" and that its provisions must be interpreted "in light of the practical consequences that would result from . . . an expansive application, as well as the ability of a narrower interpretation to serve adequately the stated goals of art. 97." Mahajan, 464 Mass. at 614-615. We also have recognized that land may be protected by art. 97 where it was neither taken by eminent domain nor acquired for any of the purposes set forth in art. 97 provided that, after the taking or acquisition, it "was designated for those purposes in a manner sufficient to invoke the protection of art. 97." See id. at 615. Therefore, to resolve the issue in this case, we must first determine what it means to "designate" land for an art. 97 purpose in a manner

taken by yeas and nays, of each branch of the general court."

sufficient to invoke art. 97 protection, and then determine whether the Cross Street Playground was so designated.¹¹

We do not agree with the motion judge and the Appeals Court that we have already concluded in our opinions in Selectmen of Hanson and Mahajan that the only way to designate land for art. 97 purposes is through a deed or recorded conservation restriction, although we acknowledge that there is language in those opinions that invites this inference.¹²

In Mahajan, 464 Mass. at 608, 612, 615 n.15, the issue on appeal was whether a plaza area surrounding an open-air pavilion at the eastern end of Long Wharf in Boston that was identified as a park "was 'taken' for art. 97 purposes." The parcel was a small part of the land taken by eminent domain in 1970 by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) as part of the 1964 Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall urban renewal plan. Id. at

¹¹ The city did not challenge the plaintiffs' assertion below that the use of Cross Street Playground fell within the range of environmental purposes contemplated by art. 97.

¹² We note that these prior decisions refer to two different procedures by which a city might designate a property as parkland. First, we said a city might record a conservation restriction pursuant to G. L. c. 184, § 31. See Selectmen of Hanson v. Lindsay, 444 Mass. 502, 506-507 (2005). Second, we suggested that a city might "deed the land to itself for conservation purposes." See Mahajan v. Department of Env'tl. Protection, 464 Mass. 604, 616 (2013). This distinction is not relevant to this case, where it is undisputed that there is no recorded restriction on the use of the Cross Street Playground. For the sake of simplicity, we shall characterize both procedures as "recorded deed restrictions" on the use of property when referring to these decisions.

606-607. We recognized that one of the fifteen "planning objectives" under that plan was "[t]o provide public ways, parks and plazas which encourage the pedestrian to enjoy the harbor and its activities," id. at 608 n.7, but we determined that the "overarching purpose" for which the land was taken was to eliminate "decadent, substandard or blighted open conditions." Id. at 612, quoting G. L. c. 121B, § 45. We declared that land is not taken for art. 97 purposes simply because it "incidentally" promotes conservation, or because it "simply displays some attributes of art. 97 land generally," or because "a comprehensive urban renewal plan may identify, among other objectives, some objectives that are consistent with art. 97 purposes." Id. at 613-614, 618. We concluded that, "[g]iven the overarching purpose of the 1964 urban renewal plan to eliminate urban blight through the comprehensive redevelopment of the waterfront area, including its revitalization through the development of mixed uses and amenities, it cannot be said that the retention of certain open spaces, like the project site, is sufficiently indicative of an art. 97 purpose as to trigger a two-thirds vote of the Legislature should the BRA wish to slightly revise the use of certain spaces in a manner consistent with the objectives of the original urban renewal plan." Id. at 618.

Nevertheless, we recognized that land taken by eminent domain specifically for art. 97 purposes could fall under the provision's protections "where an urban renewal plan accompanying a taking clearly demonstrates a specific intent to reserve particular, well-defined areas of that taking for art. 97 purposes." Id. at 619. And we recognized that, "[u]nder certain circumstances not present here, the ultimate use to which the land is put may provide the best evidence of the purposes of the taking, notwithstanding the language of the original order of taking or accompanying urban renewal plan." Id. at 620.

In Selectmen of Hanson, 444 Mass. at 504-505, the issue was not whether a parcel of land had been taken for art. 97 purposes (it was not), but whether a town meeting vote was sufficient by itself to transform a town's general corporate property into conservation land protected by art. 97. The town had acquired the property through a tax taking in 1957 and held it as general corporate property that could be disposed of in any manner authorized by law. Id. at 504. In 1971, the town at its annual meeting voted "to accept for conservation purposes, a deed, or deeds to" the parcel, but the property was never actually placed under the custody and control of the conservation commission. Id. at 504, 506. Rather, the property remained under the control of the board of selectmen, which was authorized to

execute a deed imposing a conservation restriction on the property but never did.¹³ Id. at 506, 508. In 1998, the town sold the property at a public auction to the defendant, but in 2002 commenced an action seeking a declaration that the sale was invalid and void because the land was subject to art. 97 and the sale had not been approved by a two-thirds vote of each branch of the Legislature. Id. at 503. We rejected the town's claim, reasoning that the 1971 vote "merely expressed the town's interest in dedicating the locus to conservation purposes," and that subsequently the town took "no further action" to achieve that goal. Id. at 508. In these circumstances we declared that "an instrument creating such a property restriction had to be filed with the registry of deeds in order for the town's interest to prevail over that of any subsequent bona fide purchaser for value." Id. at 505.

In the circumstances presented in Selectmen of Hanson, where the town intended to designate land for conservation purposes by executing a deed with a conservation restriction but

¹³ "'A conservation restriction means a right, either in perpetuity or for a specified number of years, whether or not stated in the form of a restriction, easement, covenant or condition, in any deed, will or other instrument executed by or on behalf of the owner of the land or in any order of taking, appropriate to retaining land or water areas predominantly in their natural, scenic or open condition or in agricultural, farming or forest use . . . ' (emphasis added)." Selectmen of Hanson v. Lindsay, 444 Mass. 502, 507 (2005), quoting G. L. c. 184, § 31.

never did, it is true, as we said in Mahajan, 464 Mass. at 616, that "the town had to deed the land to itself for conservation purposes -- or record an equivalent restriction on the deed -- in order for art. 97 to apply to subsequent dispositions or use for other purposes." But this should not be understood to mean that, in all circumstances, the only way that land not taken or acquired for an art. 97 purpose may become protected by art. 97 is through a recorded deed restriction. To understand the other ways that land may be "designated" for conservation purposes "in a manner sufficient to invoke the protection of art. 97," see Mahajan, 464 Mass. at 615, we need to examine two related common law doctrines: the dedication of land for public use and prior public use. See id. at 616 ("the spirit of art. 97 is derived from the related doctrine of 'prior public use'").

Under our common law, where developers on private land built roads that were dedicated to the use of the public, the land on which those roads were built became "subject to the easement of a public way" where "the intent to dedicate [is] made manifest by the unequivocal declarations or acts of the owner" and where the dedication is accepted by the public. Hayden v. Stone, 112 Mass. 346, 349 (1873). "No specific length of time is necessary; the acts of the parties to the dedication when once established complete it." Id. See Longley v. Worcester, 304 Mass. 580, 588 (1939) ("The owner's acts and

declarations should be deliberate, unequivocal and decisive, manifesting a clear intention permanently to abandon his property to the specific public use"). Similarly, where a developer in Wareham bought a large tract of land to sell building lots for residences, and private businesses, and reserved open space for "parks, squares, groves and shore fronts," the open space was subject to an easement for public use upon proof that the owner "had dedicated the use of these lands to the public" and that the public had accepted the dedication through use of the open space. Attorney Gen. v. Onset Bay Grove Ass'n, 221 Mass. 342, 347-348 (1915) (Onset Bay Grove Ass'n). See Attorney Gen. v. Abbott, 154 Mass. 323, 326-329 (1891). The dedication "may spring from oral declarations or statements by the dedicator, or by those authorized to act in his behalf, made to persons with whom he deals and who rely upon them; or it may consist of declarations addressed directly to the public." Onset Bay Grove Ass'n, 221 Mass. at 348. "It also may be manifested by the owner's acts from which such an intention can be inferred." Id.

A city or town that owns land in its proprietary capacity and uses the land for a park may also dedicate the parkland to the use of the public. "A municipality may dedicate land owned by it to a particular public purpose provided there is nothing in the terms and conditions by which it was acquired or the

purposes for which it is held preventing it from doing so, . . . and upon completion of the dedication it becomes irrevocable" (citation omitted). Lowell v. Boston, 322 Mass. 709, 730 (1948). "The general public for whose benefit a use in the land was established by an owner obtains an interest in the land in the nature of an easement." Id. This court applied the public dedication doctrine in holding that, even though title to the Boston Common and the Public Garden "vested in fee simple in the town free from any trust," the city did not possess title to this parkland "free from any restriction, for it is plain that the town has dedicated the Common and the Public Garden to the use of the public as a public park." Id. at 729-730. "The title to the Common and the Public Garden is in the city; the beneficial use is in the public." Id. at 735.

The "general public" that has obtained an "interest in the land in the nature of an easement," id. at 730, is not simply the residents of the particular city or town that owns the parkland. See Higginson v. Treasurer and Sch. House Comm'rs of Boston, 212 Mass. 583, 589 (1912). This court in Higginson declared:

"[T]he dominant aim in the establishment of public parks appears to be the common good of mankind rather than the special gain or private benefit of a particular city or town. The healthful and civilizing influence of parks in and near congested areas of population is of more than local interest and becomes a concern of the State under modern conditions. It relates not only to public health in

its narrow sense, but to broader considerations of exercise, refreshment and enjoyment."

Id. at 590.

Because the general public has an interest in parkland owned by a city or town, ultimate authority over a public park rests with the Legislature, not with the municipality. See Lowell, 322 Mass. at 730. "The rights of the public in such an easement are subject to the paramount authority of the General Court which may limit, suspend or terminate the easement." Id. As stated in Lowell, 322 Mass. at 730, quoting Wright v. Walcott, 238 Mass. 432, 435 (1921):

"Land acquired by a city or town by eminent domain or through expenditure of public funds, held strictly for public uses as a park and not subject to the terms of any gift, devise, grant, bequest or other trust or condition, is under the control of the General Court . . . The power of the General Court in this regard is supreme over that of the city or town."

Because the Legislature has "paramount authority" over public parks, dedicated parkland cannot be sold or devoted to another public use without the approval of the Legislature. "The rule that public lands devoted to one public use cannot be diverted to another inconsistent public use without plain and explicit legislation authorizing the diversion is now firmly established in our law." Robbins v. Department of Pub. Works, 355 Mass. 328, 330 (1969). See Higginson, 212 Mass. at 591 ("Land appropriated to one public use cannot be diverted to another inconsistent public use without plain and explicit

legislation to that end"). This "rule," known as the doctrine of "prior public use," Mahajan, 464 Mass. at 616, is not limited to parkland. See, e.g., Boston & Albany R.R. v. City Council of Cambridge, 166 Mass. 224, 225 (1896); Old Colony R.R. v. Framingham Water Co., 153 Mass. 561, 563 (1891); Boston Water Power Co. v. Boston & W.R. Corp., 23 Pick. 360, 398 (1839). But it is applied more "stringently" where a public agency or municipality seeks to encroach upon a park. Robbins, supra at 330 ("In furtherance of the policy of the Commonwealth to keep parklands inviolate the rule has been stringently applied to legislation which would result in encroachment on them"); Gould v. Greylock Reservation Comm'n, 350 Mass. 410, 419 (1966), quoting Higginson, 212 Mass. at 591-592 ("The policy of the Commonwealth has been to add to the common law inviolability of parks express prohibition against encroachment"). Three years before the ratification of art. 97, this court declared in Robbins, supra at 331:

"We think it is essential to the expression of plain and explicit authority to divert parklands, Great Ponds, reservations and kindred areas to a new and inconsistent public use that the Legislature identify the land and that there appear in the legislation not only a statement of the new use but a statement or recital showing in some way legislative awareness of the existing public use. In short, the legislation should express not merely the public will for the new use but its willingness to surrender or forgo the existing use."

The meaning of the provision in art. 97 at issue in this case -- "Lands and easements taken or acquired for such purposes shall not be used for other purposes or otherwise disposed of except by laws enacted by a two thirds vote, taken by yeas and nays, of each branch of the general court" -- must be understood in this common-law context. Cf. Industrial Fin. Corp. v. State Tax Comm'n, 367 Mass. 360, 364 (1975), quoting Hanlon v. Rollins, 286 Mass. 444, 447 (1934) (where meaning of statute is not plain from its language, we look to intent of Legislature "ascertained from all its words construed by the ordinary and approved usage of the language, considered in connection with the cause of its enactment, the mischief or imperfection to be remedied and the main object to be accomplished, to the end that the purpose of its framers may be effectuated"). The consequence of art. 97's ratification was that "plain and explicit legislation authorizing the diversion" of public parkland under the prior public use doctrine, which previously could be enacted by a bare majority of the Legislature, now required a two-thirds vote of each branch. See Robbins, supra at 330. See also Legislative Research Council, Report Relative to the Preservation of the Natural Environment, 1971 House Doc. No. 5301. In Opinion of the Justices, 383 Mass. 895, 918 (1981), we made clear that art. 97 applied to all property that was taken or acquired for art. 97 purposes, including property

taken or acquired before its ratification in 1972. "To claim that new Article 97 does not give the same care and protection for all these existing public lands as for lands acquired by the foresight of future legislators or the generosity of future citizens would ignore public purposes deemed important in our laws since the beginning of our Commonwealth." Id., quoting Rep. A.G., Pub. Doc. No. 12, at 139, 141 (1973).

There is no reason to believe that art. 97 was intended by the Legislature or the voters to diminish the scope of parkland that had been protected under the common law by the prior public use doctrine or the doctrine of public dedication. Such an interpretation would suggest that voters were hoodwinked into thinking they were expanding the protection of such lands by replacing art. 49 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution with art. 97 when, in fact, they were actually reducing the protection already afforded these lands under the common law.¹⁴ See Bates v. Director of Office of Campaign &

¹⁴ Article 49, which was annulled by art. 97, see note 10, supra, provided:

"The conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water and other natural resources of the commonwealth are public uses, and the general court shall have power to provide for the taking, upon payment of just compensation therefor, of lands and easements or interests therein, including water and mineral rights, for the purpose of securing and promoting the proper conservation, development, utilization and control

Fin., 436 Mass. 144, 173-174 (2002), quoting Boston Elevated Ry. v. Commonwealth, 310 Mass. 528, 548 (1942) ("We will not impute to the voters who enacted the clean elections law an 'intention to pass an ineffective statute'"). Therefore, we conclude that parkland protected by art. 97 includes land dedicated by municipalities as public parks that, under the prior public use doctrine, cannot be sold or devoted to another public use without plain and explicit legislative authority. See Mahajan, 464 Mass. at 615 (art. 97 protects land "designated" for art. 97 purposes "in a manner sufficient to invoke the protection of art. 97").

Given this conclusion, we turn to the question whether the Cross Street Playground was dedicated by the city as a public park such that the transfer of its use from a park to a school would require legislative approval under the prior public use doctrine and, thus, under art. 97. Under our common law, land is dedicated to the public as a public park when the landowner's intent to do so is clear and unequivocal, and when the public accepts such use by actually using the land as a public park. See Longley, 304 Mass. at 587-588; Onset Bay Grove Ass'n, 221 Mass. at 347-348; Hayden, 112 Mass. at 349. There are various ways to manifest a clear and unequivocal intent. See e.g.,

thereof and to enact legislation necessary or expedient therefor."

Onset Bay Grove Ass'n, 221 Mass. at 348-349 (dedication found based on Association's plan, sales statements, and repeated declarations that its open spaces "should never be encroached upon"). The recording of a deed or a conservation restriction is one way of manifesting such intent but it is not the only way. For instance, it was "plain" to this court that the Boston Common and Public Garden had been dedicated as a public park without there being any deed or conservation restriction declaring the land to be a public park. See Lowell, 322 Mass. at 729-730.

The clear and unequivocal intent to dedicate public land as a public park must be more than simply an intent to use public land as a park temporarily or until a better use has emerged or ripened. See Longley, 304 Mass. at 588 (requiring "a clear intention permanently to abandon his property to the specific public use"). Rather, the intent must be to use the land permanently as a public park, because the consequence of a dedication is that "[t]he general public for whose benefit a use in the land was established . . . obtains an interest in the land in the nature of an easement," Lowell, 322 Mass. at 730, and "upon completion of the dedication it becomes irrevocable." Id.

The plaza area on Long Wharf in Mahajan, although identified as a park, failed to meet this standard because there

was not proof of a clear and unequivocal intent by the BRA to make the plaza permanently a public park. The urban renewal plan accompanying the taking did not reflect a specific intent to reserve that land forever as a public park but instead left open the possibility of revising the use of such open space if doing so would better accomplish the objectives of the urban renewal plan. Mahajan, 464 Mass. at 618-619. The parcel in Selectmen of Hanson, although accepted for conservation purposes by town meeting, failed to meet this standard both because there was no clear and unequivocal intent to dedicate the land permanently as conservation land where the town never actually transferred control of the land to the conservation commission and never acted to impose any restriction on the land, and where the land was never actually used by the public as conservation land. Selectmen of Hanson, 444 Mass. at 506-508.

The Cross Street Playground, however, was dedicated as a public park by the city under this standard, and therefore is protected under the prior public use doctrine and art. 97. We need not determine whether it would have been enough to meet the clear and unequivocal intent standard that the land had been used as a public park for more than sixty years, or that control of the land had been turned over to the playground commission, or that an ordinance was passed naming the parcel. Although we consider the totality of the circumstances, the determinative

factor here was the acceptance by the city of Federal conservation funds under the act to rehabilitate the playground with the statutory proviso that, by doing so, the city surrendered all ability to convert the playground to a use other than public outdoor recreation without the approval of the Secretary. See 16 U.S.C. § 4601-8(f)(3). Regardless of whether the parcel had been dedicated earlier as a public park, it became so dedicated once the city accepted Federal funds pursuant to this condition. It is significant that this understanding was shared by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, whose 2006 SCORP stated that land developed with LWCF funds became protected under art. 97.

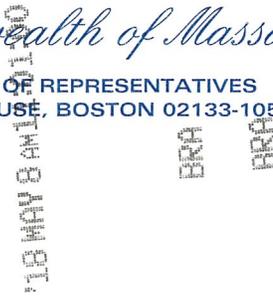
Conclusion. Because we conclude that the Cross Street Playground is protected by art. 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, the judgment in favor of the defendants is vacated. Where the parties have agreed that, if the land is so protected, judgment should enter for the plaintiffs converting the preliminary injunction into a permanent injunction, we remand the case to the Superior Court for the issuance of such a judgment consistent with this opinion.

So ordered.



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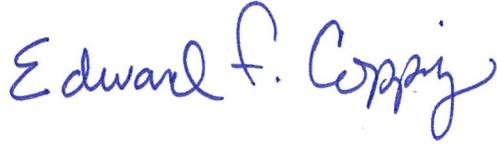
Dear Director Golden,

We, the undersigned State Senator, State Representatives, and Boston City Councilors, are writing today in response to the recently submitted proposal for the Roxbury Preparatory Charter School at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. After meeting with community members, stakeholders, and proponents, we feel as though this proposal does not take into consideration or address the concerns raised by the community throughout the process to date.

The proposed size, transportation access, and parking continue to be the issues of most concern to the community. The proposal submitted to build a three-story school on this property—with classrooms, science and computer labs, a full-sized gym, cafeteria, theater, and rehearsal space—is inconsistent with the scale of the neighborhood. Roxbury Preparatory anticipates that many students will use the MBTA bus lines and the Commuter Rail to travel to and from school, but we do not feel that the transportation required to do so can be met with the existing infrastructure. Furthermore, the proposed parking spaces seem insufficient to accommodate the teachers, school staff, parents, and visitors attending sports games or extracurricular events in an already congested neighborhood. Additionally, the recently approved mixed-use building at 317 Belgrade Avenue further adds to our concerns regarding adequate parking space and traffic access in the neighborhood.

Because Roxbury Preparatory Charter School has insufficiently addressed these concerns, we remain in opposition to this proposal.

Sincerely,



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