



August 27, 2020

Mr. Dion Irish, Commissioner
Inspectional Services Department
1010 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston, MA 02118

Re: **Guidance for Permitting Off-campus Spaces for Temporary Institutional Uses**
Fisher College, Residence Inn (Fenway) and Kimpton Onyx Hotel (Bulfinch Triangle)

Dear Commissioner Irish:

This letter serves as a recommendation to approve the temporary institutional uses for Fisher College, as described herein, in accordance with the interdepartmental guidance (the "Guidance") towards permitting non-institutional spaces to be used for the purposes of institutional residential de-densification, issued by the City of Boston on July 9, 2020, and in accordance with the Boston Public Health Commission directive supporting this aim, issued June 24, 2020.

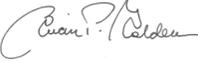
Fisher College (the "College") submitted an application (the "Application") on August 26, 2020, detailing its plans for potential temporary occupancy of two additional Boston hotels for the purpose of additional isolation/quarantine rooms for students on an as-needed basis. These hotels are the Residence Inn at 125 Brookline Avenue in the Fenway Neighborhood Zoning District and the Kimpton Onyx Hotel at 155 Portland Street in the Bulfinch Triangle Zoning District. The College only intends to rent individual hotel rooms if/when the College runs out of isolation and quarantine space on campus. Should the College need hotel space at the aforementioned properties, one student will be assigned to one room and have his or her own private bathroom. The College only plans to use one of the aforementioned hotels (either the Residence Inn or the Kimpton Onyx) for these purposes, and the College has made an agreement with the shared owner to use whichever property has availability at the time of the College's need. Occupancy may occur at any time between September 6, 2020 and November 30, 2020.

Should students be placed in either hotel, a residential advisor will be on site. College health services staff will check in with each student twice per day and housing staff will deliver meals to the students' individual rooms. Since these rooms will only be used (to the extent needed) for isolation/quarantine, students will not have access to other common areas of the hotel and will be required to stay in their rooms for 14 days. As such, travel back and forth from the College campus will not occur.

Given the above, BPDA Staff deems the College's Application for occupying these spaces⁰ in compliance with the Guidance and the Boston Public Health Commission's directive. BPDA Staff recommends that you permit the change of use for the proposed facility for a period of six months, beginning September 6, 2020, with the option for the University to renew for a similar period should that be deemed

necessary and in accordance with the Guidance at that time, as well as in accordance with up-to-date public health recommendations. If you have any further questions or require additional information, please contact Edward Carmody, Institutional Planner & Project Manager, at Edward.Carmody@Boston.gov.

Sincerely,

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Brian Golden, Director