

March 13, 2015

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Subject: Notice of Intent to File a Project Notification Form – 500 Boylston Street

Dear Mr. Golden:

On behalf of Five Hundred Boylston West Venture, an affiliate of Equity Office Properties, and in accordance with the Mayor's Executive Order regarding development mitigation, I am pleased to submit this Notice of Intent to file a Project Notification Form initiating Large Project Review for a five-story mixed-use addition in a courtyard space at 500 Boylston Street in the Back Bay neighborhood of Boston (the "Project").

The Project is proposed to: (i) infill an underutilized courtyard at 500 Boylston Street with a five-story retail and office addition, totaling approximately 80,000 square feet of gross floor area; and (ii) convert up to 50,000 square feet of gross floor area of office space at 500 Boylston Street to retail space. In connection with the Project, the entrance at the abutting 222 Berkeley Street, which is also owned by an affiliate of Equity Office Properties, is proposed to be improved with two new vestibules providing access to the second floor spaces, with one vestibule leading to an approximately 8,350 square foot office space that is proposed to be converted to restaurant space.

We anticipate submitting a Project Notification Form in mid April. We believe the Project will improve the retail experience and street edge on Boylston Street and create an improved pedestrian connection between Berkeley and Clarendon Streets, through 500 Boylston Street and 222 Berkeley Street.

We look forward to working with you, your staff, elected officials, community members, and the Impact Advisory Group that the Mayor will appoint to review the Project. In the meantime, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Brian Golden
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Sincerely,



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