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July 18, 2017

Mayor Edward J. Kennedy
and
Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: Planning Board recommendation with respect to a proposed zoning amendment to extend the existing Light Industrial (LI) zoning district to include the area of 25 Olney Street. The subject property is presently zoned Traditional Mixed Use (TMU)

Dear Mayor Kennedy and Members of the City Council:

The Lowell Planning Board held a Public Hearing on Monday, July 17th to hear all interested persons relative to an ordinance to amend "The Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts," with respect to Chapter 290, Thereof Entitled "Zoning" by extending existing LI Zoning District to include 25 Olney Street in Lowell.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the petition: Stephen Geary, 32 Church Street
The following individuals spoke in opposition of the petition: None

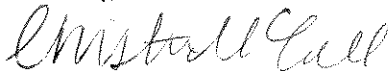
Member Gerald Frechette motioned and Member Robert Malavich seconded to recommend that the proposed rezone be APPROVED based on the following:

1. The proposed zoning amendment does not constitute 'spot zoning' and consistently aligns with the principles of our zoning ordinance and the City's Master Plan.
2. The proposed REZONE creates a pathway to increase the City's tax base and allows an existing commercial business an opportunity to expand.
3. This parcel is suitable for rezoning to Light Industrial (LI) as it will allow an existing business to expand and improve vehicular safety in the neighborhood.

The Board voted (5-0) in support of the motion.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact me at the Department of Planning and Development – Division of Development Services at 978-674-1472.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kevin J. Murphy, City Manager
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