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TO: Sarah Lewis

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Khalsa Design, Inc. 17 Ivaloo Street Somerville, MA 02143 (617)-591-8682

RE: 394 McGrath Highway – Plan Revision Request

Dear Sarah,

As previously discussed on our zoom meeting July 13th, 2023. Our intention is to remove the parking from the originally approved project and replace it with amenity space and reconfigured resident service areas. The existing site has a dramatic grade change from front to back and as a result a substantial retaining wall would be required along the rear of the property abutting an existing rubble wall of the rear abutters. In lieu of this we are proposing removing the parking for this transit-oriented development to expand residential amenity space and provide a larger and more efficient bicycle room. It is our belief that this revision will encourage the use of alternative modes of transportation and allow for an easier and more practical construction process.

Please let me know if you have any comments.

Evan Stellman Khalsa Design Inc.

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