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SENT VIA E-MAIL

December 6th, 2021

Ms. Nupoor Monani
Project Manager
Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA)
One City Hall Plaza
Boston, MA 02201

RE: Harvard Enterprise Research Center

Dear Ms. Monani:

This is a letter of comment on 1.) the Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR); 2.) the Amended and Restated Master Plan for Planned Development Area No. 115 (the “PDA”); and 3.) the Supplemental Information Document filed on July 28th, 2021, September 10th, 2021, and November 23rd, 2021, respectively, by Tishman Speyer ERC Developer, LLC (the “Proponent”) for the proposed Harvard Enterprise Research Center project (the “ERC,” or “Project”).

We, the undersigned elected representatives of Allston-Brighton, are unable to support the proposed project at this time.

The Harvard Enterprise Research Campus project sets a precedent for all future development constructed via ground lease agreements on Harvard-owned land in Allston and Brighton. Harvard University continually seeks to separate itself from its ground lease projects, placing total responsibility, including related community outreach, mitigation, and community benefits, associated with these ground lease projects on its developer partners. Though we support the ultimate redevelopment of underutilized land in this area, we wish to make clear to Harvard and the Harvard Allston Land Company (HALC) that we cannot support this project until Harvard and HALC take appropriate, legally-binding responsibility for all development constructed on Harvard-owned land in Allston and Brighton.

Finally, we wish to endorse and echo the sentiments shared by the Harvard Allston Task Force in its letters submitted to the BPDA on October 25, 2021 and to Harvard University President Lawrence Bacow on November 10, 2021.

Sincerely,

Liz Breadon
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District 9, Allston-Brighton

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