

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth Massachusetts Historical Commission

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RE: Long Term Ground Lease of Hurley Building, Government Service Center Complex, 19 Staniford Street, Boston (Downtown), MA; MHC# RC.56843

Dear Ms. Vladeck:

Thank you for submitting a copy of the draft design guidelines for the redevelopment of the Charles F. Hurley Building, received at this office on November 18, 2020. The staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) have reviewed the draft design guidelines and find them responsive to MHC's May 20, 2020 letter. MHC staff are encouraged that the design guidelines promote preservation and adaptive reuse/rehabilitation rather than outright demolition of the historic Hurley Building.

The MHC looks forward to reviewing and commenting on the draft Request for Proposal (RFP). Specifically, MHC staff is interested in reviewing and commenting on the proposal evaluation criteria and how preservation and adaptive reuse will be prioritized/weighted/ranked in the evaluation of proposals.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 9, sections 26-27C (950 CMR 71.00) and MEPA (301 CMR 11). Please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Sherva of my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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