

BOSTON PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

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Mayor Michelle Wu
City of Boston
Boston City Hall
Via email: Mayor@Boston.gov

Dear Mayor Wu,

The [Boston Preservation Alliance](https://www.bostonpreservation.org) would like to express our appreciation for your leadership regarding the critical and overdue changes to Boston's development process. We have been working closely with the BPDA and various City agencies for decades, advocating for improvements to Article 80 and Article 85 to streamline the process for all involved.

We are encouraged by the formation of the Article 80 Steering Committee, which reflects your commitment to finding a better solution. While the appointments to this group represent certain interests well, we strongly encourage you to consider adding a historic preservation voice to this table. Boston is a historic city. Its identity, and its economy through tourism, is deeply connected to historic preservation. Our city's success depends on the intentionality of our processes to prioritize preservation, adaptive reuse, and celebration of our heritage and culture in the built environment.

We respectfully request that you add a professional voice to the Article 80 Steering Committee to represent Boston's commitment to historic preservation, neighborhood character, and sense of place. Furthermore, we hope that this review process will include listening sessions with the public and opportunities for public dialogue.

Thank you for your consideration,



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