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RE: Comments on Institutional Master Plan Notification Form /Notice of Project Change for Children's Hospital at 57 Binney Street

Dear Sonal:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Children's Hospital's Institutional Master Plan Notification Form/Notice of Project Change (IMPNF/NPC) for 57 Binney Street.

We submit this letter on behalf of the CDC, a 36-year-old community-based organization that builds and preserves affordable housing and champions local projects that engage our full community in enhancing the neighborhood's diversity and vitality. These comments reflect a review of the IMPNF/NPC against our Urban Village Plan¹, the CDC's vision for the neighborhood as a smart-growth-oriented community that welcomes the broadest spectrum of residents. The plan sets goals in five key areas: 1) a sufficient and varied housing supply, 2) access to public transportation and reduced vehicular traffic, 3) community-building facilities, 4) a healthy business community and jobs for residents, and 5) open space and a responsible impact upon the environment.

The Fenway CDC and its Urban Village Committee have no specific concerns at this time with the proposed project. It is located outside the residential community and will not have a significant impact on traffic patterns between the hospital and the residential area of the West Fenway.

We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with Children's Hospital with regard to our Walk to Work program and other community initiatives. We also expect to work closely with the hospital as it progresses in planning for its project at 819 Beacon Street in the West Fenway.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl Nagy-Koechlin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carl Nagy-Koechlin
Executive Director

¹ The complete text of the current version of the Urban Village Plan can be found at the Fenway CDC web site, www.fenwaycdc.org