



October 21, 2008

Robert Shortsleeve, Chair  
City of Boston Zoning Board of Appeal  
Boston City Hall, Room 204  
Boston, MA 02201

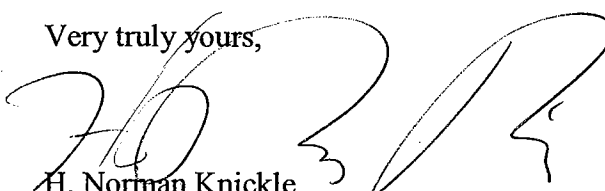
RE: 32 Upton Street, Ward 9, BZC # 29419, Hearing Date: October 21, 2008

Dear Chairman Shortsleeve and Members of the Board:

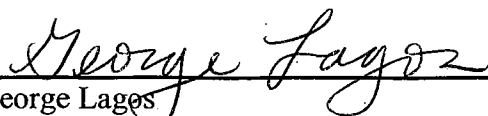
At the October 14, 2008 board of directors meeting of the Union Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA), George Lagos, owner of 32 Upton Street, requested that the UPNA support his aforementioned appeal. The appeal seeks permission for certain groundwater preservation plans and the change of the legal occupancy from a lodging house to a four-family dwelling. Subject to the following, the UPNA is in full support of Mr. Lagos's appeal.

Lodging house designations are a disfavored use for streets such as Upton Street and the evisceration of this designation would benefit the neighborhood. The UPNA is supportive of owner occupied housing on Upton Street and has expressed concern to Mr. Lagos about the development of an apartment complex on the street. However, Mr. Lagos has agreed to periodically meet with the neighborhood as a landlord and reconsider on a periodic basis changing at least part of 32 Upton Street to owner occupied status. In addition, Mr. Lagos has agreed to meet with the neighborhood as reasonably requested to address concerns of the neighborhood such as trash and other quality of life issues.

Very truly yours,

  
H. Norman Knickle  
Vice President and Director  
Union Park Neighborhood Association

Agreed to By:

  
George Lagos