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Ian A. Bowles, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Bowles:

I am pleased to submit to you the proposed Municipal Harbor Plan ("MHP") Amendment to the City of Boston's Harborpark MHP for your approval pursuant to 301 CMR 23.00. The MHP Amendment tailors the requirements of the State's Waterways Regulations to reflect the community's vision for the Charlestown waterfront while meeting the policy objectives of MGL Chapter 91 and the Waterways Regulations. The area included in the MHP Amendment is the Charlestown waterfront, including all of the piers located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, from the North Washington Street Bridge to the Tobin Bridge.

The proposed MHP amendment is comprised of the enclosed Waterfront Activation Network Plan and the Water-Dependent Use Management Plan for the Charlestown Navy Yard. The MHP Amendment has been prepared in response to Requirements 7 & 8 of the Secretary's 1991 approval of the Harborpark MHP. Requirement 7 of the Secretary's approval requires the use of flowed tidelands for residential purposes be subject to specific guidelines to avoid conflict and minimize incompatibility with the operation of nearby water-dependent uses and/or public activities. Requirement 8 of the Secretary's approval, regarding Facilities of Private Tenancy over flowed tidelands, requires the development of a network plan for special public destination facilities ("SPDFs") in order to receive authorization for a waiver of the use standards found at 310 CMR 9.51(3)(b).

In developing the MHP Amendment, the BRA has coordinated with State and City officials and with the Municipal Harbor Plan Advisory Committee ("MHPAC") which includes representatives from harbor advocacy groups, residents, elected officials, business representatives, business and real estate associations, and other interested parties. The BRA held two (2) meetings with the MHPAC to discuss the MHP Amendment. The BRA also held three (3) community meetings in coordination with the Charlestown Neighborhood Council as well as a community workshop/charrette. Additionally, the BRA has presented findings to the Charlestown Waterfront Advisory Committee, The Boston Harbor Association Harbor Use Committee, National Park Service, Courageous Sailing program, and residents and businesses in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

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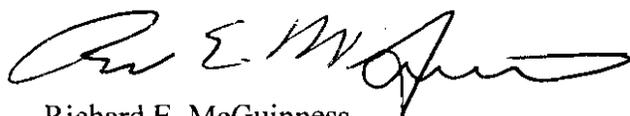
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We would like to acknowledge the time and effort of your staff in coordinating with the BRA and the MHPAC during the development of the Plan. Their input and assistance have been invaluable in completing the attached submission.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on the expeditious processing of the MHP Amendment.

Very Truly Yours,



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