

January 22, 2025

Via Electronic Delivery

To the Honorable President and Members of the Medford City Council Medford City Hall Medford, MA 02155

Re: <u>Transfer and Conveyance of McCormack Avenue Parcels</u>

Dear President Bears and Members of the City Council:

I respectively request and recommend that your Honorable Body approve the following Transfer and Conveyance of City Property, which will transfer to the Mayor the care, custody and control of two parcels of vacant land on McCormack Avenue that have remained unused since the City acquired said parcels in 1950 pursuant to a tax title taking, and authorize the Mayor to convey said parcels in compliance with General Laws Chapter 30B, the Uniform Procurement Act. The City will benefit by putting the unused parcels to productive and tax-producing uses, and, further, the City may, subject to appropriation by the City Council, use the proceeds from said sale for the purpose of promoting affordable housing or for such other purposes as the City Council determines is in the best interests of the City.

A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF MCCORMACK AVENUE PARCELS

Whereas, the City is the owner of two parcels of land located on McCormack Avenue, each containing 3,600 square feet, more or less, identified as the Assessors' as Parcels F-13/37 and F-13/38, and described in Certificate of Title No. 166463 filed with the Middlesex South Registry District of the Land Court (together, the "City Property");

Whereas, the City Property has been vacant and unused since the City acquired the City Property in 1950 pursuant a tax taking, and is surplus to the needs of the City;

Whereas, there is an urgent need to promote and develop affordable housing in the City of Medford and the region;

Whereas, the sale of the City Property will benefit the City by putting the City Property to productive and tax-generating uses; and

Whereas, the proceeds of said sale may be used by the City for the purpose of promoting affordable housing.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

- 1. That the City Council hereby declares that the City Property is surplus to the needs of the City and available for disposition; and
- 2. That the City Council hereby transfers the care, custody and control of the City Property from the tax custodian for tax title purposes to the Mayor for general municipal purposes and/or for the purpose of disposition on such terms and conditions as is in the best interests of the City; and
- 3. That the Mayor be authorized to convey the City's right, title and interest in said City Property, provided that said sale is in compliance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 30B, the Uniform Procurement Act, and to take any and all other action as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish said disposition; and
- 4. That this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Attorney Shirin Everett will be in attendance via Zoom to provide the Council with guidance on this matter.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Breanna Lungo-Koehn

Mayor