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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to share that Boston Zoning Code Text Amendment Application No. 530—which this body passed with strong support (10-2) passed the Zoning Commission with a vote of 7 in the affirmative and 1 in abstention today.

As Chair of the Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation and the author of the text amendment, I had the privilege of presenting before the Zoning Commission this morning and explaining why making residential development an allowed use in the Bulfinch Triangle modernizes zoning to better reflect the evolving needs of this walkable and transit-rich neighborhood. Our amendment removes unnecessary regulatory hurdles, encourages much-needed housing production, and strengthens the area's economic and community vitality, all while preserving its historic character and architectural integrity.

This vote is more than a procedural step, it is a reflection of our collective commitment to smart, thoughtful planning that fosters a more inclusive, accessible, and welcoming city. The Bulfinch Triangle has long been an area of untapped potential, and with this change, we take a meaningful step toward unlocking opportunities for new residents, local businesses, and the broader West End community.

I am deeply grateful for your partnership and support in bringing this forward. This success is a testament to what we can achieve when we prioritize community needs and listen to our neighborhoods. Looking ahead, I remain committed to advancing policies that promote responsible growth and a city that is vibrant!

Sincerely,

Sharon Durkan
Boston City Councilor, District 8