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**Subject:** Thank you letter from the Whitehead Institute  
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Hi Donna and Paula,

I wanted to transmit to you a letter to the Mayor and City Council from the Whitehead Institute, attached, thanking them for their support and for their time given to the Whitehead Zoning Petition. Perhaps you could put this on the next City Council meeting communication list?

Thanks,

Rich McKinnon  
On behalf of  
The Whitehead Institute

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Mayor David Maher  
And Members of the City Council  
City Hall, 795 Mass Ave,  
Cambridge MA 02139

Dear Mayor Maher and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of Whitehead Institute, I want to thank the City Council for your support of our Zoning Petition. You gave us so much time as a group and individually to let us explain our research and our need to do an expansion. We appreciate that greatly. We are very pleased that all of you felt strongly enough about our research mission that you joined one another to pass our Petition with a unanimous vote. Believe me, it was a boost to all of us who work at Whitehead, regardless of our station.

As you know, we are not developers, we are scientists engaged in research. To develop and build our new office, we first must raise the money and put together a financing plan. That job will surely occupy us for the next year. So please, do not think we are taking your vote for granted. To the contrary, your support allows us to raise the funds so the donors know we are ready to begin the development phase once the money is in place.

We will keep you informed of our progress. We look forward to working with our designers and development team to do more than add space. No. We want to design a new and graceful front to our building that respects where it is, what it does and all the thoughtful planning that Cambridge has given to Kendall Square.

We are in your debt.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Martin Mullins