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January 12, 2015

Vice Mayor Dennis Benzan, Co-Chairman
Councillor Dennis Carlone, Co-Chairman
Cambridge City Council, Ordinance Committee
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Co-Chairmen Benzan and Carlone:

I am writing in support of the Whitehead Institute zoning petition. Whitehead is requesting 60,000 square feet in order to expand their research capabilities. Whitehead has been located at Kendall Square since 1982, has been an excellent member of the community, and was one of the initial companies that decided to invest in Cambridge. In over thirty years of business Whitehead has become known as a leader in the Biotech industry and allowing their expansion will help to ensure that their high quality of work and research can continue.

Whitehead Institute is closely affiliated with MIT and is home to 17 principal investigators focused on programs such as cancer research, immunology, developmental biology, stem cell research, regenerative medicine, genetics, and genomics. Whitehead was named the top research institution in the world in molecular biology and genetics. By approving this special permit, and allowing the expansion of Whitehead, the institution will be able to have an even larger impact on the biotech field.

I hope that you will give your full consideration to the Whitehead Institute's zoning petition and grant them the much needed expansion. As always, if you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senator Sal DiDomenico
Middlesex & Suffolk

cc: Donna Lopez, City Clerk