



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

May 28, 2010

To the Honorable, the City Council,

Subject: Green building zoning petition.

Recommendation

The Planning Board recommends adoption of the green building zoning petition as proposed. The Planning Board recommends that the City Council change the effective date for compliance with LEED criteria, noted in section 22.23. to the date of adoption of the zoning change.

Discussion

The Board supports the City Council's goal to encourage sustainable building design and construction. The green building zoning petition effectively translates the recommendations of the Green Building/Zoning Task Force to the zoning ordinance. The components of the proposed zoning represent a significant step in ensuring sustainable design of large buildings and in facilitating sustainable design elements such as green roofs, passive solar elements, and sustainable mechanical systems in buildings of all sizes.

At its regular meeting of May 18, 2010, the Planning Board voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation on the green building zoning petition.

Respectfully submitted for the Planning Board,

Hugh Russell 

Hugh Russell, Chair