

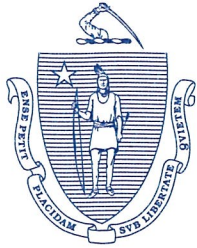
Item B

Bellevue Hill Improvement Association, P.O. Box 320232, West Roxbury, MA 02132

Prepared Materials on the Position on 361 Belgrade Ave

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The letter on the following page, signed by local and state elected officials, describes the explanation for the dissatisfaction by the Community to the Proposed Project. The Proponents solution was to simply cut the size of the project to meet the requirements of a Small Project Review by the BPDA, effectively removing the Community participation in the decision making process.



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Brian P. Golden, Director
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RE: Roxbury Preparatory Charter School Proposal in Roslindale

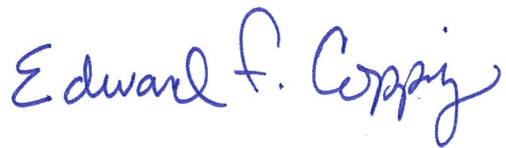
Dear Director Golden,

We, the undersigned State Senator, State Representatives, and Boston City Councilors, are writing today in response to the recently submitted proposal for the Roxbury Preparatory Charter School at 361 Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale. After meeting with community members, stakeholders, and proponents, we feel as though this proposal does not take into consideration or address the concerns raised by the community throughout the process to date.

The proposed size, transportation access, and parking continue to be the issues of most concern to the community. The proposal submitted to build a three-story school on this property—with classrooms, science and computer labs, a full-sized gym, cafeteria, theater, and rehearsal space—is inconsistent with the scale of the neighborhood. Roxbury Preparatory anticipates that many students will use the MBTA bus lines and the Commuter Rail to travel to and from school, but we do not feel that the transportation required to do so can be met with the existing infrastructure. Furthermore, the proposed parking spaces seem insufficient to accommodate the teachers, school staff, parents, and visitors attending sports games or extracurricular events in an already congested neighborhood. Additionally, the recently approved mixed-use building at 317 Belgrade Avenue further adds to our concerns regarding adequate parking space and traffic access in the neighborhood.

Because Roxbury Preparatory Charter School has insufficiently addressed these concerns, we remain in opposition to this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward F. Coppinger". The script is fluid and cursive.

Edward F. Coppinger
State Representative
10th Suffolk District

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Rush". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Michael F. Rush
State Senator
Norfolk and Suffolk Districts

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angelo M. Scaccia". The signature is cursive and somewhat slanted.

Angelo M. Scaccia
State Representative
14th Suffolk District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy McCarthy". The signature is bold and cursive.

Timothy McCarthy
Boston City Councilor
District 5

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt O'Malley". The signature is cursive and includes a large loop for the letter 'M'.

Matthew O'Malley
Boston City Councilor
District 6