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**BELMONT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

March 23, 2025

Belmont Planning Board  
19 Moore St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Belmont, MA 02478

RE: HDC Comments on proposed development at McLean Zone 4

Dear Planning Board,

The Historic District Commission has reviewed the design for the proposed development at Zone 4 and has no objections to the design as presented at our meetings on November 26, 2024 and March 18, 2025. The McLean development team has engaged with the HDC multiple times during the review period and addressed the HDC's comments and concerns. In comments most recently conveyed to the Planning Board, Chair Carl Solander had expressed concern about the screening of the planned parking garage from views within the McLean campus and from the adjoining public open space of Lone Tree Hill. McLean's development team has demonstrated to the HDC that the garage is sited with sensitivity to its visibility. According to the plans and explanation of the McLean development team, views of the garage will be screened by the adjacent planned buildings, existing topography, existing and planned trees and areas of natural landscape to be retained within Zone 4, and the existing natural landscape of Lone Tree Hill.

Sincerely,

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Belmont Historic District Commission  
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