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ROSLINDALE

A Call to Action to Make Rozzie the Most Walkable Neighborhood in Boston

5 January 2026

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY (zoe.duvall@boston.gov)

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**RE: Comment and Support Letter
4487 Washington St, Roslindale, MA**

Dear Ms. Duvall:

Please accept the following comments on behalf of WalkUP Roslindale in support of JW Construction's proposed development at 4487 Washington Street in Roslindale (the "Proposed Project").

After reviewing the Small Project Review Application and attending the virtual public meeting on December 17, we believe the Proposed Project strongly aligns with the objectives of the Squares + Streets rezoning initiative. Replacing a single-family use with 28 new dwelling units on a transit-served parcel within walking distance of a broad variety of retail and service uses in the immediate vicinity as well as Roslindale Square represents an appropriate and beneficial use of land. This project will help address the city's housing shortage while welcoming new neighbors who can support nearby small businesses and contribute to the vitality of the nearby square.

We also find the proposed parking supply to be more than sufficient given the site's proximity to both the Bellevue and Roslindale Village commuter rail stations and frequent bus service from several routes along Washington Street. The Proposed Project's approach to parking appropriately reflects the neighborhood's transit access and walkability and is consistent with the City's broader transportation and climate goals. Finally, we appreciate the thoughtful design of the Proposed Project and the fact that the developer and design team have produced a building that respects and complies in all respects with the new Squares + Streets zoning, thereby requiring no zoning relief whatsoever.

For these reasons, WalkUP Roslindale strongly supports the Proposed Project and encourages the BPDA to approve it.

Sincerely yours,
WalkUP Roslindale Board of Directors

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WalkUP Roslindale, which takes its name from the international movement to foster “**Walkable Urban Places**,” is a collaborative group of residents and business owners dedicated to making Roslindale the most walkable neighborhood in Boston. We advocate for more housing of all types and at all levels of affordability as well as improvements to our public and private built environment that strengthen walking, cycling, transit, and other forms of active mobility as means toward better personal and public health, safety, social capital, economic development, and environmental sustainability. We are led by a board of directors of about just over twenty individuals and have over 800 additional supporters. More information about WalkUP Roslindale and our initiatives can be found at www.walkuproslindale.org.

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