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City of Burlington
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Re: 12 Weston Street, Appeal of Michael Long.

DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING & ZONING

Dear DRB members:

This is a response by Charles and Cynthia Burns to the Request for Reconsideration filed by the Appellants in this matter.

The Board should uphold its decision in this matter dated July 24, 2014. There is no new evidence as suggested by the Appellants, because the living space of the property is not expanding. Occupancy of a rental unit in Burlington must comply with City of Burlington regulations, and those occupancy regulations have no bearing on this property at this time.

It is worth noting again, that the Burnses waited to purchase this property until the City of Burlington issued its determination that the property is a duplex, and that opinion (by Jeanne Francis dated May 15, 2014) was not appealed.

It would be unfair and unjust to reverse the City of Burlington's opinion after the Burnses relied on it when they purchased the property, particularly in light of the fact that Appellants have been unable to produce any legal or factual arguments supporting their position.

Accordingly, the Board's July 24, 2014 decision should stand.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Brian P. Hehir, Esq.

cc: Charles and Cynthia Burns