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Homes on Hancock supports additional community involvement to identify the best possible solution for affordable housing at 27 and 29 Hancock Street (the “Hancock Properties”).

We understand that the Hancock Properties need major renovations to bring these properties up to code and that this makes identifying a workable affordable housing solution particularly challenging. We therefore believe that additional time is necessary to develop affordable housing solutions with community involvement. Indeed, Beacon Hill has a long history of close community involvement in providing affordable housing and Homes on Hancock is prepared to continue with this tradition.

Specifically, Homes on Hancock is ready to assist by working with city and state officials as well as communicating with potential non-profit owners of the Hancock Properties and private foundations that could contribute funding to bring the Hancock Properties up to code.

Involvement and leadership from city officials, including Boston City Councilor Sharon Durkan, alongside representatives from the Mayor’s Office of Housing, including Sheila Dillon and Adam Goldstein, would be an important part of a solution. Homes on Hancock would also support a role for the Beacon Hill Civic Association and for State Representative Jay Livingstone as part of this effort. Finally, we would also be open to involvement from the owner of the properties—JDMD.

**We believe the next steps should involve monthly informal virtual meetings with delegated representatives beginning in September. The goal should be an in-person public meeting as soon as December to discuss the efforts that have been made as well as the proposals that have been identified for the Hancock Properties.**

Critically, if the Hancock neighborhood believes that Homes on Hancock representatives have been provided reasonable time and opportunity to identify and develop an affordable housing solution for the Hancock Properties, then **community support can be achieved.**

The Hancock Properties have sat vacant for decades. Let’s now take the time necessary to involve the community in finding an affordable housing solution that works for all. We are here to help.

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