



## *Charlestown Historical Society*

July 4, 2019

Amanda Zettel  
#02129 Neighbor Alliance  
c/o Charlestown Preservation Society  
PO Box 290201  
Charlestown, MA 02129

Dear Ms. Zettel,

The Charlestown Historical Society supports the efforts of the #02129 Neighbor Alliance and the Charlestown Preservation Society call to create a Master Plan for Charlestown. We look to ensure that any current and future developments are created within a framework that considers the impact on our culture---our shared history and family-focused fabric of life that has made Charlestown the special neighborhood it has been for generations. We hope that Mayor Marty Walsh and the BPDA will work with the residents of Charlestown and representatives of the non-profits and businesses that serve our neighborhood to ensure that **all** interests are considered as the community continues to grow as part of the city of Boston.

The Charlestown Historical Society was founded in 1962 to protect, preserve and promote the history of Charlestown---one square mile that is regarded as a cornerstone of American history. Charlestown has a celebrated part in Massachusetts' and America's history. From "Old Ironsides" to the Bunker Hill Monument, Charlestown has not only had a starring role in the American Revolution, its post-Revolutionary heritage and culture is legendary. As the oldest neighborhood in Boston, Charlestown has deep roots in the spirit of democracy and celebration of the strength of community that drives our country forward even today. **Charlestown's unique place in history, charming heritage and impact as the oldest neighborhood in Boston needs to be protected as Boston continues to grow.**

Sincerely,  
The Board of the Charlestown Historical Society