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To Whom It May Concern:

Please remove the Downtown Boston Waterfront Harbor Plan from Section 9.57: Approved Municipal Harbor Plans. After watching the Seaport development for years diminish public access to the waterfront and open space in this area, it is time for a complete do-over. While I do not live in Boston, I am in the city regularly and I live in an MWRA community. Hence I've been paying a premium for years for the Boston Harbor clean-up and to keep it that way. And I am more than happy to pay this premium for a clean harbor but I resent that the benefit for this has accrued more to private development than to the citizens at large – whether residents, downtown employees, or visitors to the city. It is imperative that a new plan that reflects the priorities of public access, open space and climate resiliency for the remaining parcels, be it Charlestown, North End or Aquarium, be developed with input from all stakeholders. Between the increasingly severe weather events, the clearly rising tides, and the need for open space highlighted by the pandemic, we must protect the remaining waterfront for public access, not private development.

Thank-you for your consideration.

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