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Follow-up COMMENT on yesterday's (6/8/21 - 1:00 pm) zoom hearing.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment AGAINST the proposed MHP changes.

I speak as a private citizen. However, my background as a Fellow of the AIA, a former chair of the BSA Urban Design Committee, a long-term urbanist and city planner, a three-time resident of Harbor Towers on and off for the past 30 years, and having had my offices with up to thirty-five employees for more than 40 years on both sides of the Fort Point Channel.

This experience gives me a fairly intimate knowledge and deep love for the downtown part of Boston's waterfront, the very waterfront wrested over the past 50 years from decay and embarrassment by forward-thinking and public-spirited pubic officials and civic stewardship.

You have heard, and will continue to benefit from the closely-reason arguments from all of Mayoral candidates, from CLF in its defense of the most recent ruling invalidating the MHP public process, and from the NE Aquarium's thorough review of the multiple issues needing to be addressed in this opportunity to do a comprehensive plan.

I speak to an even more basic issue:
- the travesty of the spirit of the proposed changes, which would allow private gain to rob public investment.
The Commonwealth and the City cannot allow this outrageous and cynical proposed change to go forward, and maintain any sense of honor.

I am confident that our current Governor and his Environmental Protection Agency will understand how much good there is in waiting and carrying forward a just and legal public planning process. Be brave, Seize this once-only opportunity to plan for the maximum public benefit for our city and state which has so-often correctly prided itself as an exemplar of of a common-Wealth.

Very truly yours,

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