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To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Redevelopment of the Shattuck Hospital Site
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:47:12 PM

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Good Evening Loryn,

I hope this email finds you well. I am emailing today to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus. As we all know, there is a lack of sufficient supportive housing and substance use disorder treatment options available to our most vulnerable residents in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing, stabilization, and support services. I strongly endorse this project and hope the State of Massachusetts will continue to prioritize the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and bridge the gap individuals face as they work to secure stable, safe housing during their path to recovery.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding my support of this project or how it could positively impact the community members that we work with at Project Place, please feel free to contact me at (617) 542-3740 Ext. 413.

Best,
Aaryn

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From: [abby.mccabe](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support Shattuck Redevelopment for Affordable Housing & Substance Abuse Services
Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021 10:17:50 PM

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Hi Ms. Sheffner,

I am writing in support of the proposals for redeveloping the Shattuck campus for affordable and supportive housing, homeless, mental health, and substance abuse services. These services are desperately needed as public health measures that we've always needed but we have seen exacerbated in 2020. These services are desperately needed here, across the region, in the suburbs, and throughout our country.

I am a planner and a proponent of providing these services because everyone deserves treatment and people need a safe place to live and stay. Providing the four goals proposed by the state is what is most needed. The best use of the land is what is most **needed** even if that's not what some people want because it provides the greatest benefit to the most people. I believe it is our duty to provide these services as a public health measure particularly for underserved populations and people with out financial resources. This is one of the major lessons of this year glaring at us that we need to change the way we plan and welcome more compassionate full care and services for everyone.

Please do not cave to the high profile opponents looking to make this campus parkland. These services are desperately needed and cannot be put off and Shattuck is the right location. This is the time to do the right thing. Bill Weld and Mike Dukakis are not advocating for what is in the best interest of the community that needs these services.

Sincerely,

Abby McCabe

Framingham, MA
Municipal planner, housing and community services proponent

From: abkm@aol.com
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:11:13 PM

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Were alternative sites considered before planning to rebuild within Franklin Park?

Is it not standard practice to take into consideration current conditions and practices, and impacts when initiating a major project?

In the case of Shattuck, would residents not benefit from a *community* setting with public transportation and should that have been part of the decision-making process as well as the possibility of reclaiming the Olmsted-designed landscape for the new residents and all Bostonians?

Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

From: [Alanna Daley, NP](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org; [Sheree Marciante](#)
Subject: Vision for Shattuck
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 2:16:59 PM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you,
Alanna Daley

From: [Alexandra Dailey](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for current proposal for the Shatuck Hospital
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:23:08 PM

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I am very disturbed by the recent actions taken by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. The current plan, that was forged with input from many, should go forward. Boston residents can still continue to enjoy the beauties of Franklin Park. The original plan on the table will enhance the physical plant and also continue to provide much needed housing and social supports for a very needy population.

Banning needy populations from sight doesn't take in the total concept of preservation. We need to move forward with the current plan.

Sincerely,

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From: [Ali Welch](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support MA Vision Plan Redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:02:01 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
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Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Ali Welch and I am a resident of Egleston Square in the Roxbury/JP Neighborhood. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

- As a longtime Boston resident, I have seen the city become more and more gentrified, with housing ever more expensive and difficult to obtain or hold on to. The housing crisis is especially acute for our neighbors struggling with mental health or substance abuse challenges. I see this happening right outside my door in Roxbury/JP and throughout the neighboring residential areas.

Living in Egleston Square, I access Franklin Park every week if not every day and see how much the community uses the green spaces and resources throughout the park. Especially during the pandemic, Franklin Park has become a place of refuge and community where people can come together, safely. Do not take this opportunity for affordable housing in this incredible space away from people who need it most.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. This incorporation of outdoor activities and spaces is SO crucial for its social, emotional, and health benefits.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway

Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor morally responsible

- Arborway Yard simply does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.
- Why should we consider throwing away a consensus-based solution, in favor of this mirage of an idea?

Those in favor of “returning the land to the park” seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted’s 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. **I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community’s 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.**

Sincerely,

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From: [Alice Signore](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Newmarket
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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

A

Mario Signore

Alice Signore

From: [Alicia Powell](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: I support redevelopment of the Shattuck campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:19:54 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Alicia Powell, M.D. and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain as well as a psychiatrist at Vinfen, working with many of our area's most vulnerable citizens. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

My work brings me face-to-face with those who suffer from the extremely limited housing and treatment options in our community. Having supportive housing linked to the shelter and behavioral services will provide countless benefits, not only to those directly receiving those services but also to the surrounding community. We all will benefit from this plan.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

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I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Alicia Powell, M.D.
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From: [Alisia Waller](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Plan
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:57:48 AM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
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Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Alisia Waller and I am a resident of Roslindale near the JP border. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

As someone who lives with mental health issues, and is part of a community of friends who live with mental health issues, I see that the need for supportive housing and behavioral health services in Boston is critical.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

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I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

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From: [Alison Kronstadt](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:38:23 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I write to express my fervent support for the redevelopment plan for the Shattuck campus. Loving Boston means loving the land, absolutely, but it also means loving the people who call our city home. A 2% increase in land for the park is minimal, but using the Shattuck land to support vulnerable people in our city is invaluable. I urge you to continue to support the redevelopment plan so that everyone in our city has the resources they need.

Sincerely,
Alison

From: am103477556@cs.com
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 3:35:30 PM

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Please use the land Shattuck is on to provide much-needed services. It's too bad the land was snatched from Franklin Park years and years ago, but it's not critical to return that relatively small amount of land. The Commonwealth has an asset it should use and not waste time and money searching and fighting for a new location.

Shut out the noise and do the right thing at the current site.

Thank you.

Anne McKinnon
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From: [amy.stoffelmayr](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
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Hi Loryn,

I am a JP resident and retired social worker/psychologist. I have worked for many years with individuals, mostly poor, often with severe mental health problems, whose lives have had little housing stability, regular medical treatment or sufficient social support from the communities in which they lived.

Their hardships are many and of a type that those of us who are more fortunate can hardly imagine.

We have an undeniable responsibility to generously provide support for these people. What could be more important or more urgent than providing the support that this project provides.

We are all God's children, and especially the "least of these."

Amy Stoffelmayr

From: [Andrea Fleck Clardy](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus
Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021 5:09:34 PM

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Dear Loryn Sheffner,

I write to express my strong support for the Shattuck Campus development. Boston urgently needs more supportive housing for people who are homeless. We now have an opportunity to provide housing in close proximity to mental health counseling, addiction treatment, and additional social services.

Franklin Park covers 485 acres. Using a very small percentage of that acreage to provide shelter and supportive services is completely consistent with Frederick Law Olmstead's commitment to provide urban residents with a place of respite and access to nature.

I live a comfortable, privileged life in Boston. I take advantage of the Emerald Necklace and the Arboretum on a daily basis. Please don't protect one small corner of Franklin Park from socially necessary development on behalf of people like me. The development plan will serve Boston residents who are not comfortable or privileged. Let's do this while we can.

Sincerely yours,

Andrea Clardy

Andrea Fleck Clardy
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From: andrewmbrand@gmail.com
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: ["Stephen Fox"; wsana-board@googlegroups.com](#)
Subject: I support the vision plan
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:09:14 PM

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Hi Loryn:

Jamaica Plain (JP) already has an embarrassment of riches with respect to green space. JP hosts the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Pond, Southwest Corridor, and, most notably, Franklin Park. They don't need to "reclaim" the Shattuck's 13 acres that have been used for many years to serve some of the most underserved and struggling people in the area.

Many of the people suffering from Opiate use disorder on Mass/Cass are there because there are no comprehensive treatment options. Massachusetts desperately needs all the opiate treatment campuses it can get. Should the MBTA's lot become available, I would urge the state to use it for additional treatment or supportive housing. It's not an either-or. There is a lot of need and very few available sites.

Therefore I strongly support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board, and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services

Andy

Andrew Brand

22-year PMC rider.

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"We all lie in the shade of trees we did not plant."

From: [ann stillman](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Proposed Shattuck Redevelopment
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 2:16:18 PM

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Dear M. Sheffner,

My husband and I are long time residents of the Arborway and actively involved in maintenance of the Arborway Hillside. I have worked as a social worker for Children and Family services and for client-run mental health services for thirty years.

I do not support the current plan to redevelop the Shattuck on the current site. I am mystified as to why the ugly, vacant Arborway Yard has not been considered. It is closer to public transit, to shops on Washington Street and Center Street and the library.

The current Franklin Park site originally belonged to the parkland that surrounds it and should be returned. For the 25yrs. we have lived nearby, the entire area around the current hospital has been overgrown, trashy and an ugly gateway to the Black and Brown communities around it. Please consider returning it to them.

Sincerely,
Ann and Jim Stillman

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: anncolageo@rcn.com
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Redevelopment of the Shattuck campus
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:39:03 AM

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April 23, 2021

Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Ann Marie Colageo and I am a resident of West Roxbury. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical Center in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

For individuals like my youngest brother who ended up dying from alcoholism and drug addiction when he was in his 40's, these types of services are vital.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Colageo
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From: [Ari Mora](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Arielys Morales and I am a resident of Boston. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

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I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Support Letter/Shattuck Campus redevelopment/Supportive Housing
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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
Dear Ms. Sheffner,

We, Maria A. Quiroga and Alvin Shiggs, live on Olmstead Street, (Parkside) Jamaica Plain, one block from Franklin Park. We write today to express our strong support for the Commonwealth's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

We understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical Center in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site. We support the Commonwealth's proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. We have been active members of the Jamaica Plain/Roxbury as well as the greater Boston community since we moved to our current address in 1976. Our involvement includes engaging in civic, cultural and social justice equity issues. Our faith community, Saint Mary of the Angels Parish, in Egleston Square, has a very long history of support and friendship with our "Gifts of Warmth" program to the Shattuck community and several members of our parish were instrumental in creating the "Shattuck Partners" program at the hospital.

Over the years we have seen an ever-increasing number of men and women in the City lose the security of housing and then shelters and services, being left to fend for themselves on the streets of Boston. The proposed Shattuck supportive housing site development will help to lend stability and restore some dignity in a pleasant setting, to the lives of people who are at the bottom of the socioeconomic ladder.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a childcare center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition and other neighborhood and community groups and individuals.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the MBTA

Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither realistic nor responsible. Given the MBTA's current financial difficulties, there is no guarantee that the MBTA will actually transfer the 8 acres of the Arborway Yard to the City of Boston, as agreed to in a 2001 (20 year old) Memorandum of Understanding. The Arborway Yard also does not provide enough space to house the needed services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

We urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Alvin Shiggs & Maria A. Quiroga
28 Olmstead Street Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

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From: [Ashley Janvier](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
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Hi,

Is this plan final? If not, I am against it. We don't need anymore residential buildings. I have family members who have been patients at this facility for treatment, etc and whomever is responsible for this plan needs to leave this property alone.

Thanks,
Ashley Janvier

From: [Audrey Paek](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Re: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 7:13:07 AM

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To: State Asset Management Board

Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate

Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision

Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13-acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. **We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed.** There is no greater priority for the city or the state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Audrey H. Paek

1313 Washington Street

Boston, MA 02118

From: bcrichlow28@aol.com
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: livio@wssvna.org
Subject: Comment for Shattuck on Morton Project
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Attachments: [Opposition letter to DCAMM regarding Shattuck Campus.docx](#)

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Hello Loryn,

I was on the amazing ZOOM meeting on April 13th but due to the large number of guests I was not able to make my comments heard. Attached please find my comments as the representative of the W. Selden St. & Vicinity N.A.

Barbara Crichlow
WSSVNA

West Selden St. & Vicinity Neighborhood Association
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Mattapan, MA 02126

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Cynthia Johnson-Smith-Secretary
Norma Lawrence-Treasurer

Date: April 22, 2021

To Whom It May Concern.

On behalf of the W. Selden St. & Vicinity Neighborhood Association, I attended the Shattuck Campus at Morton Street meeting on April 13th. I want to respond to DCAMM and the Commonwealth that because of the proposal presented the Association cannot support the plan. The site should be given back to Olmstead Green Foundation/Franklin Park Coalition so this site can be added to their improvement project.

Moving the Shattuck Campus to the Arborway location would improve the services provided to the 75 to 100 clients giving them a better chance to transition. They will be close to transportation, merchants, the Arboretum and Franklin Park to upgrade their social opportunities. Being a part of the community rather than the isolation will be beneficial.

Relocating the former hospital/shelter will bring the green space back and remove the industrial look from that portion of the park. As a 75+ years resident of Boston who has lived in the South End, Roxbury, Dorchester and now 50 years in Mattapan I'd love to see the green space to expand the size of Franklin Park. It is well known there are drugs and other illegal activities going in and out of the shelter. The BPD reports of fights and drug abuse at the present location causing the removal of permanent/temporary residents' the safety of others using the park is being put in danger.

W. Selden St. & Vicinity N.A. will not support the long-term lease to the Developer/Service providers considered for this project.

Respectfully,
Barbara Crichlow
WSSVNA

From: [Becca](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck campus redevelopment
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:04:30 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Becca Van Nederynen and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

I've lived near Franklin Park at 6 Glade Ave for 10 years and I've seen how much the neighborhood has changed, with housing ever more expensive. The housing crisis is especially acute for our neighbors struggling with mental health or substance abuse challenges. I've volunteered with Horizons for Homeless Children in my neighborhood and have seen first-hand how hard this is for folks and would love to see more supportive housing for folks getting back on their feet.

Fortunately, Boston has developed strong civic-mindedness around the crucial needs of housing and behavioral health services. When the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to consensus on a Vision Plan.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center.

Importantly, while the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, they participated in the planning process and ultimately **supported** the Vision Plan.

Those in favor of "returning the land to the park" seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted's 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. **I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.**

Sincerely,

Becca Van Nederynen
6 Glade Ave, #3, Boston, MA 02130

From: [Benjamin Taylor](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck site proposal
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:54:58 AM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

Thank you for soliciting written comments on the Shattuck proposal. I wanted to reiterate my hope that the Commonwealth will rethink its plans for supportive housing and services at the Shattuck site, and ask that you take a serious look at alternatives. Northeastern students at the Kitty and Michael Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy have identified the Arborway Yard as a vastly superior option for the housing and services being proposed for the Shattuck site. The Arborway Yard is much closer to public transit and is not isolated from the community services that are critical for the at-risk populations involved.

Under the able direction of Professors Ted Landsmark and Sara Carr, the Northeastern students have come up with a variety of options for how the housing and services can coexist at the Arborway Yard, with plenty of space to also meet the needs of the MBTA and the commitment to affordable housing that was made 20 years ago.

Picking the Arborway site over the Shattuck site would allow for the restoration of parkland to Franklin Park of the 13 acres of land where the hospital is now situated. Franklin Park is Olmsted's crown jewel in the Emerald Necklace, but over the years, too much of it has been designated for uses that are not always open or free to the general public. This is a racial justice issue, an equity issue, and an environmental justice issue for the people of Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan who deserve access to open parkland that their communities surround.

It's not too late to change the direction of this project. Please support a win-win-win proposal for supportive housing, a recovery campus, and improved parkland for the most diverse communities in the city. The Arborway Yard provides a great opportunity for such an outcome. Federal money is now available to make this happen. If you are willing to change the direction of this project, the state will be hailed for having done something that makes sense, and results in a great outcome for all.

Thanks.

All best,
Ben Taylor
Chair, Emerald Necklace Conservancy

From: [Beth Harper](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 4:34:43 PM

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Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. This site represents a structure and facility already built and most readily converted to these purposes. Requests for green space or recreational space are a thing of great privilege; what we need is service for the community.

We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is NO greater priority for the city or the state.

Thank you,
Beth Harper
11 Worcester square, Boston

From: [Betty Herschman](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 9:40:09 AM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Betty Herschman and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. As a former advocate for homeless women, I am painfully aware of the unacceptable level of growth in available services over the past three decades. This is one project that will help remedy the enduring dearth of supports and improve the quality of life in our community as a whole. When one suffers, we all do.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Betty Herschman
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BettyHerschman@gmail.com

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"Education and justice are democracy's only life insurance."
- Nannie Helen Burroughs

From: [Bill Sloan](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 8:23:02 AM

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As a resident of Jamaica Plain, I strongly support the community-led plan for the redevelopment of the current Shattuck State Hospital site. This plan will meet a crucial need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. The proposal by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy--an organization of Boston's wealthiest one percent, whose false environmentalism ignores the people's real needs--is not workable from either a space or financial perspective. Please reject the ENC plan and move forward with the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus integrating badly needed housing with services in a green space open to all of Boston. Thank you.

- Bill

From: [Blair, Noel](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for a Shattuck campus dedicated to public health
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 10:59:12 AM

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Dear Loryn,

Please register my support for the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services

Massachusetts has a crisis in mental health and substance abuse, these people are dying on the street. This plan to use the Shattuck campus would help them. There is no greater purpose for this campus at this critical time for so many vulnerable people.

Thank you,
Noel Blair
175 W Brookline St
Boston, MA 02118

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From: [Bob Minnocci](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:46:15 AM

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Dear Loryn,

I'm a Boston resident and I'm emailing you to lend my support to the state's vision for the Shattuck campus. We desperately need more supportive housing.

Many thanks,

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Bob

Bob Minnocci
(617) 236-4893 | (857) 222-4149

From: [Scott Mabel](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Aaron Michlewitz](#); Sonia.Chang-diaz@masenate.gov
Subject: (corrected) Support for Shattuck campus vision
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 7:16:29 PM

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Re-sending this because I had an incorrect email address earlier.

Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

Shattuck should be immediately built out to maximize opportunities for end-to-end rehab and shelter. Governor Baker has made substance use and opioid recovery a keystone of his time in office, and this is a great way for the State to walk the walk. In fact, let's get a temporary facility set up this Summer in tents to relieve the awful situation now at Mass & Cass.

We desperately need more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs.

We can't allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. Emergency Housing and Rehab are a perfect use for this spot.

*Thank you,
Sincerely,*

*Scott Mabel
141 Pembroke St, Boston
South End*

From: [Jill Chow](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: A Letter In Support of Shattuck Hospital Campus Redevelopment
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:00:16 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Jill Chow and I am a resident of Waltham, MA. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

- Here in Waltham we also struggle with adequate services for homelessness, combatting it and housing folks as well as supporting mental health and substance abuse challenges. By supporting this project you will be modeling an effort for other communities to strive for.
- As a longtime Waltham resident and active member of Waltham Mutual Aid, I have seen our city become more and more gentrified, with housing ever more expensive and difficult to obtain or hold on to. The housing crisis is especially acute for our neighbors struggling with mental health or substance abuse challenges. Boston could again help Waltham by modeling these solutions.
- In June 2020, MIT & City Life/Vida Urbana did a report: [Evictions in Boston: The Disproportionate Effects of Forced Moves on Communities of Color](#). Over 2/3 (70%) of market-rate eviction filings are in census tracts where the majority of residents are people of color.
- In the city of Boston, there are over 10,000 individuals that experience homelessness each year. The state has identified that there is a need for over 3,300 supportive housing units in Eastern Massachusetts.
- Black and Latinx persons have a higher likelihood of experiencing homelessness than non-Latinx White persons, according to the City of Boston's Assessment of Fair

Housing -- this is also true in our city so this resonates with our efforts.

- We now know that connecting people with housing first is crucial for recovery from mental health and/or substance abuse struggles. Without stable and supportive housing, people end up in the ER or in an inpatient unit, which is worse for them and more costly for all of us.

My family and I have enjoyed our trips into Franklin Park, we are a family who loves nature and the re-energizing and restorative aspect we get from our activities in nature.

Fortunately, Boston has developed strong civic-mindedness around the crucial needs of housing and behavioral health services. In Waltham we are far behind you all and I appreciate all of the efforts, I hope that you will be able to connect with Waltham City Council to suggest how we can take more action. When the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to consensus on a Vision Plan.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center.

Importantly, while the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, they participated in the planning process and ultimately **supported** the Vision Plan.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor morally responsible....

- Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston.
- Arborway Yard simply does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.
- Why should we consider throwing away a consensus-based solution, in favor of this mirage of an idea?

Those in favor of "returning the land to the park" seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted's 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. **I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately**

needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Jill Chow
88 Washington Ave, Waltham

From: [William Martin](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: advocating for the Arborway site
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 12:38:17 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

We are advocating that the Arborway site for the Shattuck Hospital/Franklin Park/Arborway Yard Bus Facility, rather than restoration of the Emerald Necklace at the Shattuck site. The importance of maintaining and enhancing open space - at a time when Greater Boston is experiencing ever more building construction - is critical. This is a unique and important opportunity to restore and enhance parkland. The Arborway site has clear user density, access and transport infrastructure advantages. In addition, this solution would be a win-win: Better services and location for homeless, and low income, impacted communities, while returning parklands to its former site.

Best regards,

William J Martin
President

CME Energy, LLC
20 Park Plaza, Suite #400
Office: 617 948 2165
Boston MA. 02116

From: [D'anna Fortunato](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Comment about the Schattuck Redevelopment
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 9:44:26 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is D'Anna Fortunato and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain, MA . **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also certainly does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

D'Anna Fortunato
10 Neillian Crescent
Jamaica Plain, MA

From: [Reva Levin](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [carolyn.royce](#)
Subject: comment on Shattuck plan
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:00:37 PM

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Hi Loren,

As a member of the Parkside Neighborhood Association, I support the use of the building that's behind the Arborway Yard along Morton St. It appears to be empty and ready for renovation.

Because so many trees in the local canopy are being removed for condo development, a plan to expand Franklin Park by moving Shattuck elsewhere is especially appropriate.

Parkland is precious. If the Shattuck housing can be accommodated elsewhere, even with more effort and some delay, it would be worth it. Providing green space for FP's abutters is a worthy goal.

Sincerely,
Reva Levin
Jamaica Plain

Gracias al Espíritu por este momento fugaz!

From: [Nina LaNegra](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Commentary: Franklin Park vs. Arborway Bus Yard Facility alternative for Affordable Housing
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 2:12:01 PM

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Dear Loryn Sheffner:

Please let me know what steps the Commonwealth has taken to explore

An alternate site nearby, the Arborway Yard Bus Facility, could provide those services in a transit-oriented setting, along with a more comprehensive solution that would include a future electric bus facility, housing & commercial uses along Washington St. (Plan: JP/Rox) AND the restoration of parkland at Franklin Park.

We very much need to preserve Urban Forestry and quite frankly Trees in this dire environment of climate change and environmental racism.

I am a resident, a voter and an advocate for affordable housing and trees.

Happy Earth Day
Sincerely
Nina LaNegra, Artist
617.935.3244

"Choose your leaders with wisdom and forethought. To be led by a coward is to be controlled by all the cowards' fears. To be led by a fool is to be led by the opportunists that control the fool. To be led by a thief is to offer up your most precious treasures to be stolen. To be led by a liar is to ask to be lied to. To be led by a tyrant is to sell yourself and those you love into slavery."

Octavia E. Butler,
SciFi Writer & MacArthur Genius
Parable of the Sower

From: [Sarah Horsley](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Comments about the Shattuck campus
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:04:58 PM

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Dear Loryn,

My name is Sarah Horsley and I live at 34 Brookside Avenue, Jamaica Plain. I serve on the Board of the Boston Tenant Coalition & on the Housing and Development Committee of the JP Neighborhood Council. I am mother to a 7-year-old who loves nothing more than to play in Franklin Park. I am a nearly life-long resident of JP.

While in high school, I volunteered at Shattuck Shelter and started to learn about the complex root causes of homelessness. I met many unhoused folks who were employed and yet still not able to afford housing.

As someone who has worked on housing issues for much of my life, I can say that we are now in a true crisis period. The pandemic and economic downturn have made things even harder. And we know that in order for people to recover from substance abuse and mental health challenges, it is **crucial** for folks to be housed first.

And I am not alone in being concerned about these crises. According to a 2019 survey of Boston residents about their top health concerns, housing affordability, substance abuse and mental health ranked as the top 3 concerns.

Two years ago, I participated in the State's extensive planning process for the Shattuck campus redevelopment. Although there were different perspectives and priorities, a wide-ranging group of stakeholders came to consensus on a vision for the campus. The vision includes behavioral health services and 75-100 units of supportive housing. This vision **also includes** (1) integrating the campus with Franklin Park and (2) including components that will be accessible to the community, such as meeting space, a community garden and perhaps even space for the Shattuck Childcare Center to return to the campus.

The Shattuck Campus is far more integrated into the community than Long Island, where many of these services were previously located. Thanks to the redesign of Morton Street/Route 203, it is now connected to Forest Hills station by foot and bike paths and bus lines.

The final point I'd like to make is that this idea that all the services at the Shattuck Campus be transferred to Arborway Yard is not practical and not morally responsible.

First, because of the MBTA's financial troubles, the 20 year old MOU - in which the T promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston - is not likely to be honored anytime soon. Second, the Arborway Yard does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus. Finally and most importantly, in the long term, we need both spaces for supportive housing and affordable housing!

Sincerely,

Sarah Horsley

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sarah.horsley@gmail.com

617 942-1075 home office

From: [Micah Sachs](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Comments on Shattuck redevelopment
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:38:34 PM

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Hi Loryn,

I am a resident of Jamaica Plain, a member of the board of the Jamaica Pond Association and an organizer of a community discussion on the Shattuck redevelopment in October 2019.

I wanted to voice my strong support for the current proposal for transitional housing at the Shattuck site. While the site is not ideal from a public transit site, no site is perfect given the inevitable trade-offs between prime location and likely neighborhood opposition. The Emerald Necklace Conservancy's alternate "proposal" is focused on an alternative site (the Arborway Yard) that the MBTA hasn't even indicated they're looking to give up soon in a neighborhood that has seen more than its fair share of neighborhood resistance to new development. Any attempt to shift course towards the Arborway Yard would likely delay the proposed new transitional housing by at least two years.

In regards to the the Emerald Necklace Conservancy's desire to restore open space in Franklin Park, the current Franklin Park improvement plan being designed by the City is likely to return more acreage to public use via the proposed closure of Circuit Drive and other improvements than the ENC's proposal would via the return of the Shattuck site to Franklin Park.

The need for transitional housing in Boston is urgent and far outweighs the need for 13 additional "open space" acres in a 500+ acre park.

Sincerely submitted,

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Micah Sachs
(858) 243-1622

From: [Red Burrows](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Pam Bender](#); [Kathy Brown](#); bostontenantcoalition@gmail.com
Subject: Comments on the Shattuck Campus in Franklin ark
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:09:58 PM
Attachments: [Loryn Sheffner letter.docx](#)

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

Attached is a copy of my comments for the proposed project. I hope you take them into consideration as you go forward in the process.

Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place
Boston, Ma. 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

I am writing you in support of the community plan for assisted housing at the Shattuck Campus in Franklin Park. My name is Edward Burrows and I have lived in the Woodborne Neighborhood since 1998. I am about 7 blocks from the site.

All around the City of Boston, you can see the rising number of homeless people that are on the streets of a city that has rent prices that the average income cannot afford. Not only do we need the Shattuck Campus to be renovated, but we also need the much-needed affordable housing that the MBTA promised to allow to be built in the Arborway Yard to support other families. It's not a matter of either or, it's a matter of yes and.

I value the work that the community groups did on this project. I was a member of the Jackson Square CAC and a member of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Initiative as a member of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council. I know too well that this planning process was time consuming and carefully done. The Emerald Necklace Conservancy's attempt to subvert any process needs to stop. There is a better answer to our neighborhood than "green space no matter what".

I was at the last meeting and heard comments from Bill Weld and Michael Dukakis, as well as the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. I was astounded at their short memories.

The Arborway Yard was a project that had 20 years of planning for affordable housing from members of my neighborhood and the MBTA that never came to fruition because of the many roadblocks put up by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. They were adamant that there be no 6ft curb cut on the corner as it would take away from the Emerald Necklace. Acres of park land that would have coexisted with affordable housing were held up due to a 6ft curb cut that would have eliminated 1 tree that was planted in the 1960's. Not by Olmstead. There has been no movement ever since.

I was gratified to hear from Bill Weld that he supports Economic Justice. This was something he was silent on during his tenure as Governor. I seriously doubt he has ever been to Franklin Park in his life. I don't think we should weigh his statements as factual as he was fed information from the Emerald Necklace Conservancy.

Michael Dukakis has a short memory as well. I remember he as governor trying to get things done with the MBTA and failing miserably. The MBTA is an Authority. It isn't easy for the Governor of Massachusetts to do anything with the MBTA. Though I respect and admire the ex-Governor, he did not bother to reach out to the community group that was planning this and find out that the community is squarely behind this project.

I did not hear much from the people in opposition at this meeting about the fact that we have a drug epidemic that has been raging on for over a decade. We need this supportive housing as soon as we can get it, not wait another 20 years for another planning process with the MBTA to occur. If the Ex Governors think they can move the MBTA to do something, have them get the MBTA to keep their promise to this neighborhood and implement the Forest Hills Neighborhood Initiative plan that includes the Arborway Yard proposal from my community and help our community find recovery for the other pandemic in Boston by building the proposed project on the Shattuck Campus.

The Arborway Yard, even though spoken for by the community, is nowhere near big enough to supply what the Shattuck site can. The MBTA's financial problems will probably keep this facility from ever coming to fruition as well.

I wish to send my heart felt thank you to everyone who participated in this process to make a better more affordable and helpful city for us all.

Sincerely,
Edward J. Burrows
15 Wayburn Rd.
Jamaica Plain, Ma.

From: [Steve Wolf](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Comments on the Shattuck Hospital site plan
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 12:03:22 AM
Attachments: [210423 Steve Wolf Shattuck Site Comments.docx](#)

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Dear Loryn Sheffner:

I have attached a letter intended for public comments on the existing DCAMM plan for the Shattuck Hospital site.

Thank you.

Steve Wolf
Boston

22 April 2021

Dear Loryn Sheffner:

I submit this letter as part of public comments on the plan for redevelopment of the Shattuck Hospital site. My comments here elaborate on remarks I made during the remote DCAMM hearing held on April 13.

The existing Shattuck plan represents a depressing continuation of decades of abuse of the Emerald Necklace. Most cities and states would kill for an open-space asset like the Necklace, with its rich history and capacity to deliver green-infrastructure services—never mind a park universally seen as one of the greatest works of Frederick Law Olmsted.

The Commonwealth and the City have for decades treated the Necklace as a cost-free stash of land they could raid at will to erect public facilities unrelated to park uses and functions. Paving over the “Missing Link” in the Fenway for a retail parking lot in the 1950s stands as the most blatant example of this destructive attitude.

The Commonwealth’s plan for the Shattuck site continues this tradition. It contains at least three serious flaws:

1. **The plan undermines environmental justice.** Franklin Park abuts some of Boston’s poorest and most racially segregated communities. Over the years, removal of land for other uses—a golf course, a zoo, this hospital—have reduced unencumbered park area by more than 40%. Without question, a refusal to acknowledge the needs of (or outright animus toward) communities of color fueled this steady shrinkage of the park. Returning the Shattuck site to parkland would set state policy on a welcome new course by *increasing* open space available to communities that most need it. It would represent a welcome down payment on redressing decades of neglect.
2. **The plan willfully turns a blind eye to the climate crisis.** Over the last 20 years, the term “green infrastructure” has reframed thinking about urban parks and open spaces. At no cost, these spaces deliver crucial environmental services that would otherwise require massive and expensive public works projects. These services include absorption and filtration of stormwater; improvements in human physical and mental health; and carbon sequestration. Climate instability means that Boston will endure increasingly heavy rainstorms that produce heavy flooding and require more active stormwater management. Similarly, the goal of fully decarbonizing our economy will require aggressive carbon sequestration. One of the most effective—and lowest-cost—ways to do that is by expanding the urban forest, and restoring the Shattuck site would advance that critical goal.
3. **The plan trashes Olmsted’s greatest work.** The Emerald Necklace stands as a masterpiece of American design, created by the man who essentially invented landscape architecture in North America. Next year’s bicentenary of Olmsted’s birth will draw global attention—and an influx of tourists—to the Emerald Necklace. The Commonwealth needs to think about two very different narratives that could frame that concentrated attention. Will the world say, *Restoring this parkland affirmed Olmsted’s artistry and demonstrated the state’s leadership on sustainability?* Or will it say, *What a shame that Massachusetts lacked the vision for anything but business as usual—buildings and parking lots plopped into a world-famous park?*

What makes the Commonwealth's stubborn defense of the current plan so disheartening is that the proposal created by Northeastern students demonstrates the superiority of the Arborway Yard site for the uses planned at Shattuck. Without question, the City and Commonwealth need the services and housing the current plan would bring, but the Arborway alternative does a better job of meeting those needs. It can support the same volume of housing, provide enough space for the same level of service, and allow the MBTA to continue using the site to maintain its vehicles. Critically, it sits closer to transit, a valuable benefit for both affordable-housing residents and treatment-service clients.

On April 13, former governors Dukakis and Weld skewered the Commonwealth's main argument against the Arborway site, the idea that multiple state agencies can't unite around a better outcome. They can and they should. The Commonwealth needs to hit the pause button, acknowledge the clear benefits of the Arborway site, and restore the Shattuck site to its highest and best use—as part of the historic Olmsted plan for Franklin Park.

Steve Wolf, Boston resident

From: [Stacy Thompson](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Comments regarding the redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus at Morton Street
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Attachments: [Comment Letter Shattuck 4.23.21.pdf](#)

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Hi Loryn,

Please find our comments on the redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus.

Best,

Stacy

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April 23, 2021

Loryn Sheffner, DCAMM
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Re: Draft Project Proposal for the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment at Morton Street

Dear Loryn Sheffner,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft proposal for the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment at Morton Street.

Our organizations support the overall vision for the new Shattuck Campus as a person-centered Campus designed to promote health, reduce barriers to treatment, and integrate care across the physical and behavioral health care and housing systems. However, we have several concerns about the draft proposal presented at the April 13th public meeting, specifically:

Housing + Services

We are pleased that the inclusion of 75-100 units of supportive housing is a baseline requirement for this project. However, we are concerned that the integrated health services, including both services currently offered on the site and new types of services/programs cited in Vision Plan are included as **desired**, but not **required** elements of this proposal. Through the 12+ month visioning process, members of the public and key stakeholders elevated the urgent need and support for substantial and expanded services at this site. We strongly feel that the inclusion of these services should be a requirement of this project.

Mobility + Access

We appreciate that multi-modal access is included as a priority for this project and we support the inclusions of safe bike and pedestrian routes, specifically improving the link to Forest Hills with a multi-use path. While this is a good start, significant improvements to the mobility and access component of this project should be explored. The site is a half mile from the Forest Hills stations and even with the proposed improvements, will be challenging to access for people with mobility challenges.

We are disappointed that, throughout the multi-year visioning process, DCAMM did not seriously explore alternative sites for this project, despite repeated requests from key stakeholders and community members.

We encourage DCAMM to meaningfully explore and evaluate the proposal to shift the future Shattuck Campus site to the Arborway Yard Bus Facility. This proposal has been advanced by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, in collaboration with Northeastern University, as DCAMM did not

engage in proper due diligence to analyze potential alternative sites that may better meet the goals of the project.

As identified in the above mentioned study, the Arborway Yard Bus Facility offers an opportunity to greatly improve access to supportive housing and services included in the Shattuck Campus redevelopment proposal. The 18-acre site offers space to provide the many requirements requested by the MBTA, the City of Boston, the community and HHS, including:

- 8 acres for community services, residential units, and affordable housing (as required by the 2001 MOU between the MBTA and the City of Boston).
- Mental health and addiction rehabilitation services and 75-100 units of housing for the formerly unhoused.
- Mixed-use services and recreational greenspace adjacent to public transportation.
- Adjacent to the Forest Hills T stop and public transportation, mitigating the access concerns highlighted above.
- Sufficient space for new electric bus facilities.

At the April 13th public meeting, DCAMM stated that it has explored this option with the MBTA, but has offered no details to the public about these interagency discussions. At a minimum, DCAMM and the MBTA must provide a joint public response that details their process for analyzing the viability of this Arborway site and the criteria used for determining that this site did not meet the stated goals of the project.

Process + Community Engagement

We recognize that DCAMM has made an effort to engage impacted stakeholders throughout the vision planning process, specially by holding three public meetings and seeking feedback from the Community Advisory Board. While this process produced strong health needs and services assessment, it is clear that community members and several key stakeholders in the communities of Roxbury and Mattapan have not been meaningfully engaged in this project. This was reflected by the overrepresentation of stakeholders from Jamaica Plain at the most recent public meeting. We strongly recommend working with advocates, local leaders and elected officials to seek further input from these communities.

We also recommend providing more opportunities for two-way communication with the public. At the recent public meeting, several community members asked questions that were noted, but not directly addressed by the project team and there was no process or timeline outlined for the public to receive answers to these important questions. As this project progresses it is critical that DCAMM have a community engagement process in place that equitably engages all stakeholders and provides authentic opportunities to seek feedback and answer questions.

Thank you for considering our comments. We look forward to working with you to ensure the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment Project is successful, equitable and accessible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy Thompson" in a cursive, stylized font.

Stacy Thompson, Executive Director

LivableStreets Alliance

From: [Zack DeClerck](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Comments: Redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus at Morton Street
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 11:12:19 PM

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Dear Loryn Sheffner,

I am writing in strong support of the vision plan outlined for the Shattuck Campus with the help of the community advisory board, last year.

As a neighbor, and as a person in long-term recovery from addiction, I know this campus well. I understand there are efforts from a minority of very outspoken community members to explore other sites for supportive housing and recovery services. But, I encourage the State to move forward with the current plan (on time), because there is so much to lose. I'm so grateful for the stability that recovery has brought me and housing stability is a huge part of that. I'm now fortunate to be happily raising a family in this community. Others deserve a chance for stability and to live their lives fully too.

The redevelopment of the Franklin Park Shattuck Campus to include permanent housing and recovery services is exactly what our community needs. I've tried to outline my comments below as briefly as possible:

1. The current vendor programs at the Shattuck campus that are focused on substance use disorders, are separate from the hospital and will not be moving to the South End. These services are incredibly hard to place (because of stigma, misinformation, and NIMBYism). They will have a difficult time finding a new permanent home in Boston if this project does not move forward.
2. Supportive housing for the formally homeless is a huge public health gap and need that can be partially filled on this public land that is deed-restricted for public health. Those who are chronically homeless have been particularly burdened by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is an opportunity of investment for a community that has been reeling since the closure of the long island bridge and is desperately deserving of an upgrade in quality of life.
3. Calls to not rebuild the Shattuck campus point to an alternative site at the nearby MBTA Arborway bus yard. The bus yard was committed for affordable housing roughly 30 years ago and there are no plans for that land to be available in the near future. History does not point to evidence that this site will be able to meet the urgent need of a recovery campus for those suffering from addiction, or supportive housing for those who've experienced homelessness.
4. With major investments planned for Franklin Park, allowing this campus to be redeveloped will provide access to Boston's largest park for those living at the campus. The site is a 12 minute walk on a new multi-use path to the new Forest Hills Station head house, and only a 5 minute walk to more densely populated residential streets in JP.
5. As someone who regularly volunteered on this campus before the pandemic, and has had loved ones receive care or temporary shelter here, I think the calls about the campus being

isolated are overblown. I frequently run into many people staying at the shelter, in the heart of JP. They're getting food, or walking to the pond, or attending an NA meeting. Often they'd love to stay in the area where they began their recovery, but cannot afford to.

Please know that the people who need this campus the most are not in good position to send an email like this, write a letter, or attend a public meeting. But they are our neighbors. Let's redevelop this campus and give all our neighbors access to the emerald neckless, not just those lucky enough to already live here.

Gratefully,
Zack DeClerck
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From: [John J. Linehan](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: DCAMM hearing on Shattuck Hospital site plans public comment
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:13:53 PM

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Hello Loryn,

I was unable to join the public hearing on the Shattuck Hospital site plans last night due to a personal emergency. I would therefore like to officially submit my public comments via this written communication.

I have to start by saying I have worked in the Park for over 40 years and in that time have almost never gone by the Shattuck (as currently constructed) without shaking my head and thinking just how incongruous and inappropriate it is that it was located within the Park. My mind often wondered who the players were that thought this was a good idea, worked through the assumedly complex machinations it took to make this happen. Clearly, this was a different time with a different set of societal standards. “Not In My Back Yard” (NIMBY) was a more powerful force than (perhaps naively) I believe it to be today. Then I’d think, well it is there and so that will never change, but what a shame. Now, we have an extremely unique opportunity to right a wrong, fix a mistake, address a shame that never should have happened.

I was invited to be a member of the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) on this project. While I and several others tried to bring-up the issue of re-siting, particularly to the Arborway Yard site, it would not be considered. There were several “ground rules” laid out to the CAB at the onset of the meetings. One was that the current location would be used for supportive housing (minimum of 75-100 units) and another that there would be supportive out-patient services continued, at minimum at the level that is there now. These were considered non-debatable. The make-up of the CAB was highly dominated by folks that represented Human Services. There was little representation of park-oriented people. It was made abundantly apparent how much these human services are needed. There were many very knowledgeable, very good people involved who represented these needs very well, but arguments that the site was too far from the MBTA and that the facility was too isolated were quickly dispensed with. I tried to make the argument, and still am, that the Park is so important to many, many people’s and families’ behavioral and physical health. I participated all

through the process and found it frustrating and exasperating. By the end I was just trying to assure that the design principles were as sensitive as possible to its very unique location.

The Arborway Yard location would allow many with great need to get to and from treatment facilities, their jobs and other responsibilities in a much easier and more timely manner. This, I believe (as a non-professional), would believe assist in their road to recovery. I know how unreliable the bus service from Forest Hills is and it gotten many people in my workplace into trouble.

The use of Franklin Park by the people of the City, the region and the surrounding neighborhoods in particular has grown so much. Despite the large existing acreage, more is needed. Thus, as I see it, re-siting the supportive housing and the out-patient treatment to the Arborway Yard would be a win for all involved, including the MBTA.

This truly is a once in a lifetime opportunity to change something that never should have happened to begin with and I hope you really consider the ramifications of this decision before you make it.

Thank you,

John Linehan

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From: [Lee Glenn](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Disposition of the Shattuck acreage in Franklin Park
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 9:41:32 AM

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Good morning, Ms Sheffner.

I am a homeowner on Park Lane, JP. My street leads directly to the entrance to Franklin Park near the White Stadium. I have lived here for over 50 years and have raised small children here and watched major changes for the good happen to the Park over that time.

I admire the work of Frederick Law Olmsted and fully agree about the benefits to us humans to have green space in which to walk, picnic, play and "restore ourselves spiritually", as Olmsted envisioned.

I also believe that repurposing the several acres on which the Shattuck buildings sit is a noble endeavor. To support the "least among us" who need shelter and services can serve as a model for what is possible in a community dedicated to doing the right thing for our fellow human beings in need. That is what an admirable human community and city does for one another.

While the idea of reclaiming that acreage is aesthetically appealing, it is a small part of the park and we've done wonderfully well with it used for health, education and well being for many years. The advocates of reclamation are wrong on this one.

I petition you to decide in favor of serving those in need, not those with an abstract vision of putting the park back the way it was many years ago. This need not be a precedent, just good sense on this particular decision.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail or by telephone at 617-435-3555.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Lee Glenn, 14 Park Lane, Jamaica Plain

From: [Desireé Vaughn](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Enact the Community's Vision for Shattuck Housing and Services
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:35:44 AM
Attachments: [D. Vaughn Shattuck Letter.pdf](#)

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Hello Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Desireé Vaughn and attached are my thoughts regarding the vision plan for the Shattuck redevelopment. Thank you.

Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Desireé Vaughn and I am a resident of Roxbury. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

- As a resident of Roxbury and educator in the South End/Roxbury sections of the city, I am often reminded of the persistent and urgent need of support, resources and care for those who are without homes, battling addiction and mental health challenges. This is not a “hidden” or “out of sight, out of mind” issue as some may think. Anyone driving to the South Bay shopping center, to the Orchard Gardens elementary school or along the medical center can see that people are in dire need of various supports!
- As a ripple effect, it's not hard to notice that as the neighborhoods of Boston become more gentrified, open and welcoming to those with more money and resources, housing for those who should be able to afford housing in the city, cannot do so. The housing crisis is especially acute for our neighbors struggling with mental health or substance abuse challenges.
- Black and Latinx persons have a higher likelihood of experiencing homelessness than non-Latinx White persons, according to the City of Boston's Assessment of Fair Housing.
- We now know that connecting people with housing first is crucial for recovery from mental health and/or substance abuse struggles. This should be highly obvious, as if one's basic needs go unmet, they are likely going to continue to be in the strong grips of mental health and substance abuse. Without stable and supportive housing, people end up in the ER or in an inpatient unit, which is worse for them and more costly for all of us.

As an educator, I know that restorative practices, mindfulness and wrap-around services are key to successful children and families. When the community and people with “power” collaborate to do what is best for children and families, neighborhoods can thrive.

Fortunately, Boston has developed strong civic-mindedness around the crucial needs of housing and behavioral health services. When the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to consensus on a Vision Plan.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. These components are imperative to creating a space for healing, wellness and

restoration not only for the individuals that will be housed there, but also for the family members who are an integral part of their lives.

Importantly, while the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, they participated in the planning process and ultimately **supported** the Vision Plan.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor morally responsible.

- Arborway Yard simply does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus. There is no way to cut corners on a plan that will be highly beneficial to so many stakeholders both directly and indirectly. All services and components named in the 13-acre vision for the campus are necessary and work in tandem with each other to serve the people and the families they are a part of.

Those in favor of “returning the land to the park” seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted’s 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. **Everyone, no matter their race, economic background, mental health or substance abuse challenges, all humans deserve to have ACCESS to quality health and wellness services. I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community’s 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to ALL.**

Sincerely,

Desireé Vaughn
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From: [Moirá Meehan](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Franklin Park / Shadduck
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:49:32 PM

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I oppose the proposed plan for the Shadduck Hospital. The land currently used for the Shadduck Hospital should be returned to Franklin Park.

Franklin Park is a special place that's been badly neglected by the City. For years, police abdicated their responsibility to address crime and drugs in the Park based on a lack of clear jurisdiction. This is a disgrace. Fortunately, there has been more value and interest in Franklin Park and the proper use of it continues to increase. I just returned from some days in New York City including time in Central Park. I'm struck by how the City and private citizens have made that Park a well loved and lovely place. The fact that Central Park is largely positioned around wealthy neighborhoods is a clear reason it's been protected. It's discouraging that Boston has not valued the Franklin Park green space and instead, in the words of our former governor, has whittled away at it. The argument that 13 acres doesn't matter is shocking. Of course it matters. Is there a metric for how much open space is enough? These changes are permanent and it's silly to pretend otherwise.

This is a time where environmental, mental health, and social justice interests all converge to support expanding public green space. Certainly Covid has given us one of the most compelling reasons for valuing the park and open space.

The supportive services that are proposed for the Shadduck replacement are needed. If Governor Baker doesn't have the political will to direct this facility at the Arborway Yard, then another location should be found ASAP. But granting a 99 year lease will mean that a critical opportunity will be lost to serve all of Boston but especially the lower income communities that abut the park with the beautiful, rejuvenating outdoor space that was originally envisioned.

I live very near Franklin Park, on Montebello Road and am a frequent user of the Park. As I've listened to advocates of the current proposal I'm struck by the fact that the most common argument in its favor is that the planned facility is urgently needed. I seldom, if ever, hear that it is the optimal location. In fact, those who support it, often acknowledge that it's isolated from transportation and groceries. Speed to open is simply not a compelling enough reason.

As you and other leaders surely appreciate, Franklin Park is not just a local, neighborhood asset. It's a jewel of City and the State. I respectfully urge you to have the courage to protect the park and recommit the City to aspirations of Olmsted and the park founders in creating so special a place.

Regards,

Moirá Meehan
85 Montebello Road
Jamaica Plain, MA

From: [David du Busc](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Franklin Park and the Shattuck land
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 7:30:24 AM

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Hello,

The land that the Shattuck sits on should be returned to park use.

The Arborway MBTA site should be used for housing.

Let common sense prevail.

A rare moment in time, please don't squander it.

Regards,

David du Busc

85 Montebello Road

Jamaica Plain

From: [Meg Howard](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Further comments on the Shattuck plan
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 2:47:07 PM

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Hello,

I previously wrote to inquire about whether a public pool would be an allowable use on this campus. I still think it would be a great addition to the campus and would draw the public into the space. Boston needs public pools as our summer gets closer.

Otherwise, I am very supportive of the proposed use of this campus, especially for more supportive housing for those who are homeless.

Thank you,

Meg

From: [Christopher Barbey](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: I support adding supportive housing units to the Shattuck site
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:50:24 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Chris Barbey and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain. **I'm writing in support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck Hospital campus which includes the addition of 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units** to the redeveloped Shattuck site.

As a public servant working for MassHealth, I know that these resources are crucial part of our state's response to the opioid crisis, direly needed by vulnerable members of my local community, and an important tool for the Commonwealth as it manages the high cost of healthcare.

More importantly, **as a resident of Jamaica Plain, it would make me proud that my community would be home these housing units and services.** The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

I'm disappointed that the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested moving the supportive housing and other services to the Arborway Yard. I don't believe this suggestion is workable and I fear it will mean the loss of important resources that vulnerable members of our community need. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Thanks so much for taking the time to read my email,

Christopher Barbey
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Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

From: [Jeffrey Jacobson](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: bostontenantcoalition@gmail.com
Subject: I support the Shattuck Campus redevelopment as planned.
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:25:04 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

I am a longtime JP resident, love the parks, and the neighborhoods.

I fully support [the proposal to redevelop the existing shattuck site](#), because:

- The 75 - 100 affordable housing will provide living space for our people.
- The emergency shelter will give our people in crisis a place go, instead of getting hurt or causing trouble.
- The behavioral health services will improve the health of the community, one person at a time.

It is important to move ahead with the plan **now** to get it done and get these services online as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and friends are promoting a false alternative, to move the project to the Arborway Yard, and return the Shattuck site to the park. The yard is too small and there's not guarantee the MBTA would give it up. Even if they did, it should also go to supportive housing!

Notably, the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, but then they participated in the planning process and ultimately supported the current plan! I've been there many times--three acres more wouldn't make much difference.

This project took a long time to negotiate with the community and other stakeholders, and it is desperately needed.

Thank you for considering my input.

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-- Jeff

Jeffrey Jacobson,
Simulation Engineering Project Manager,
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From: [Carolyn Little](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: I support the Shattuck supportive housing initiative
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:18:55 AM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you,
Carolyn Little

From: [Sam Entwisle](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: I support the State's Shattuck campus redevelopment proposal
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:02:09 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Sam Entwisle and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain, near Franklin Park. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. We now know that connecting people with housing first is crucial for recovery from mental health and/or substance abuse struggles. Without stable and supportive housing, people end up in the ER or in an inpatient unit, which is worse for them and more costly for all of us.

Fortunately, Jamaica Plain has developed strong civic-mindedness around the crucial needs of housing and behavioral health services. When the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to consensus on a Vision Plan.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor morally responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. Why should we consider throwing away a consensus-based solution, in favor of this mirage of an idea? **I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.**

Sincerely,

Sam Entwisle

24 Saint Peter, apt 2L
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entwisle5@gmail.com

From: [Libba Ingram](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: In strong support of redevelopment of the Shattuck campus in Franklin Park
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:09:39 AM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Elizabeth Ingram and I'm a resident of Jamaica Plain. **I am writing in strong support of the of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus** in Franklin Park.

The need for more supportive housing for the homeless and those in need of addiction treatment is urgent. The redevelopment project has already been delayed, and we cannot afford to delay any longer. Thankfully, the Shattuck campus has already been developed.

My sister-in-law was homeless at one point and made use of the shelter at Shattuck. It gave us some comfort to know that she was in an environment that took her away from the stressful and dangerous environment that living on the streets of Boston can impose on people in her condition.

We are blessed to have the beautiful Franklin Park with its 485 acres, more than enough to accomodate park use with the less than 3% that the Shattuck requires to be developed and provide the much-needed services in an environment that can only enhance and support the treatment and healing process. I can't believe that Frederik Law Olmstead would not be proud to contribute this space to such a critical human need.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Ingram
87 Florian St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
libba.ingram@gmail.com

From: [Emily Cavanagh](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: In support of Shattuck Hospital plan
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 10:21:54 AM

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Hi Ms Sheffner,

I am writing to express support for the redevelopment of Shattuck Hospital. I think it's important to provide supportive housing and the continuation of services already being provided at the Campus, particularly as we come out of the mental and economic disruption of the pandemic.

I hope that the state will move forward with this project.

Thanks,
Emily Cavanagh
Jamaica Plain

From: [Haff Hope](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Sonia.Chang-diaz@masenate.gov](#); [Elugardo, Nika - Rep. \(HOU\)](#); [russell.holmes@mahouse.gov](#); [liz.malia@mahouse.gov](#); [liz.malia@mahouse.gov](#)
Subject: In support of supportive housing and health services plan for the Franklin Park Shattuck site.
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:34:09 PM

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As a longtime JP resident, Franklin Park user, and social worker, I want to share my reasons for **supporting the use of the Shattuck Hospital site for transitional**

housing and neighborhood MH and SA services.

First, this is a project which was **discussed in a well-advertised and attended series of community meetings over a nearly 2 year period.** It is a project **ready-to-go** in a time when the need is astronomical.

As an LICSW social worker serving Roxbury, Dorchester and JP families for 25 years, I have talked to mothers with children who desperately needed stable subsidized housing or lived in

places where there were no services to support their commitment to sobriety. As a prison reform activist I also know that Framingham Women's Prison is full of primary caretakers who would be much better served in stable supportive housing, and treatment services like those which would be offered at the former Shattuck site. Offering them a supportive, safe and green place to live would turn their lives around.

Supportive housing tenants from sites already in JP attend my church, First Baptist of JP, and contribute a lot.

Second, **Franklin Park is hardly "out-of-the-way"** as many are claiming. It's a 10-minute walk to

Forest Hills Station, one of the busiest bus and train hubs in Boston, offering access to all parts

of the City and beyond. Many Shattuck patients, staff, and clients walk the route every day and shuttle buses to nearby Forest Hills are on the drawing board.

Third, I closely followed the Arborway Yard boondoggle. I have friends and neighbors in JP who spent

two nights a week in meetings for more than a decade negotiating a plan for the site. It was frustrating, laborious, and often divisive work. And what do we have today? An ugly cement lot with dozens of buses parked there. The MBTA recently announced service cuts because they were so short of funds. Are we now to understand that they'll spend 10s of millions to find somewhere else to stage hundreds of buses? The Arborway Yard is essential to bus service for all who live in JP, Roslindale and SW Boston.

If the State were to consider other sites and work towards development with a different agency altogether it would mean **another decade of delay for individuals and families in dire need of supportive housing NOW.**

I urge my neighbors to rise up against the elitist suburban-based movement that seeks to stop the erection of family-friendly, supportive housing in one corner of the Shattuck's 13-acres by spreading unsubstantiated rumors of a possible alternative site.

. The Emerald Necklace Conservancy and other out-of-neighborhood NIMBY elites insist upon turning up after the conclusion of a collaborative neighborhood planning process with a red herring "alternative site" plan, to derail a carefully vetted plan for desperately needed

services. In favor of a museum of grass(grass which most of them have never visited!)
Thank you,

Hope Haff, MSW
Jamaica Plain resident since 1988

From: [Thea Patterson](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: In support of the Preliminary Project Proposal for redevelopment of the Shattuck
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 2:19:45 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
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Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Thea Patterson. I live in Dorchester and work as a nurse at Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital, and **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.** Faulkner is the closest hospital to the Shattuck campus, so we serve many Bostonians who also use their services. These are critical services, and I worry that the suggestion that the remaining services should be moved to Arborway yard places them at risk. The land at Arborway yard is in no way guaranteed given the MBTA's current financial troubles. I love walking and biking in Franklin Park, and I also feel that our public park spaces should be for everyone. The majority of services addressing homelessness, mental health, and substance abuse are currently concentrated in one area, at the intersection of Mass Ave and Melnea Cass Blvd. While it makes sense to concentrate services for communities that may lack access to transportation, many of my patients have told me they dread traveling for services to this area as it can be very triggering and overwhelming. It makes sense to have decentralized services available, and is an added benefit to have them so close by to a beautiful, restful area.

There is an existing, well-thought-out plan with many supporters to create a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,
Thea Patterson
857-540-0170

From: [Thomas Reid](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: In Support of the Shattuck Redevelopment
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:57:32 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Thomas Reid, and I'm a live-in staff member at the Haley House soup kitchen in Boston's South End. I am writing in support of the Shattuck Redevelopment. What we hear from our guests here at the soup kitchen is that the lack of affordable housing and quality, holistic substance abuse services is THE primary obstacle on their path to healing, recovery, and stability. I cannot emphasize my support for this redevelopment enough, and the need to keep Shattuck exactly where it is (as opposed to moving these services to the Arborway, as some have suggested).

Thank you for your time,

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Thomas Reid
Pronouns: *he/him/his*
(207) 475 5986

From: [John Cremmen](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: In SUPPORT of the Shattuck Treatment Housing
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 12:24:56 PM

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Dear Loryn,

I am in support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

Boston is in great need of more supportive housing and SUD treatment options.

This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project. This is a chance to help the struggling community that suffers from addiction. They should not be left out in the cold.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: Sonia.Chang-diaz@masenate.gov; liz.malia@mahouse.gov
Subject: JPNC comments on Draft Project Proposal
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:33:16 PM
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) would like to express our gratitude for the robust community process that resulted in the Draft Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus at Morton Street. The JPNC continues to support the public health use of the site, including the building of at least 75-100 units of supportive housing as well as maintaining and expanding the existing health and shelter services. The JPNC sees these services as a much-needed part of the continuum of mental health and substance use services and, therefore, supports phased development of the site, including an “Early Start” area, so that development can begin as soon as possible, ideally prior to the Hospital’s relocation to the South End in 2024.

Additionally, we want to clarify that we are not aware of any evidence that would indicate that it is appropriate or possible to place any public health services on the Arborway Yard. In 2015, the JPNC took over the responsibilities for the Community Planning Committee for the Arborway Yard (CPCAY) and as such the JPNC has maintained a close monitoring of the Yard. The Arborway Yard is on the MBTA’s long-term planning timeline for upgrades as a necessary and important part of bus transit. In addition, a portion of the surrounding property has been promised as a land swap between the City of Boston and the MBTA, as outlined in a 2001 MOU. The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) identified the eventual uses for this land in its PLAN: JP/ROX.

The JPNC would also like to reiterate its support for all of the Planning Principles, including: integration of Shattuck campus with Franklin Park; improved access to neighborhoods with better public transit, bicycle and pedestrian options; increased green and open space; and alignment with local and state sustainable development goals and strategies.

The JPNC advocates for these items to be included in the Final Project Proposal

- Continued participation of a Community Advisory Board (either the one that was formed for the planning stage, or a new one) to continue the public discussion regarding security, site maintenance, and sustainable construction;
- The establishment of and funding for a community liaison to address ongoing community concerns and provide quick mitigation for all concerns. The liaison can also be tasked with notifying the community of the progress of the

redevelopment and any upcoming meetings.

- On-going public conversation with Boston Parks Department and park advocates to ensure integration of the facility into Franklin Park and the surrounding neighborhoods, especially as the City continues its Master Planning effort.
- A requirement that the selected developer apply racial equity standards in all aspects, including design, hiring, and use.
- Greater consideration be granted to those respondents to the RFP that are non-profits and Massachusetts-based.

Finally, we request that EOHHS honor our request to partner with the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council if or when it becomes necessary to review the Zoning of the project.

We believe that the Final Project Proposal will represent the synergy that occurred through this robust community process and we hope the DCAMM Board will agree.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Rainsford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" being more prominent than the last name "Rainsford".

Kevin Rainsford

Chair

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council

From: [Rebecca Gray](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Keep Shattuck where it is
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:06:10 PM

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Hey there,

As a resident very close to Shattuck (on the other side of the cemetery), I strongly opposing the plan to move it. Shattuck is often a last resort for folks. People have been living there for decades because of a lack of immigration status, finances, or other resources. While that represents significant change needed on healthcare and immigration policies, it is an essential home for many of the most forgotten people in Boston.

My partner volunteers at the hospital by providing live music to patients and I've seen how significant this hospital community has really support and encouragement by neighbors and staff.

Please don't hesitate to ask further questions,

Rebecca Gray
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From: [Joe Vallely and Kitty Ryan](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Keep the Commitment to Housing Homeless & Heath Care
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:28:40 AM

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From: **Joe Vallely and Kitty Ryan** <ryanvallely@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 20, 2021 at 11:19 AM
Subject: Keep the Commitment to Housing Homeless & Heath Care
To: <lorynsheffner@mass.gov>
Cc: <bostontenantcoalition@gmail.com>

Loryn:

As a Jamaica Plain resident and parishioner of St. Mary of the Angels Parish that abuts the Franklin Park, I want to say how proud I was of Commissioner Sudders at last week's community meeting, standing up for housing and healthcare for residents of the Commonwealth who are poor, homeless and have health conditions.

Now is the time to act to save the Shattuck land for reuse in service to the public health needs. I applaud her and DCAMM's efforts to continue the legacy of Shattuck Hospital at the site.

With all due respect to those who treasure open space, myself included, this is not the time or place for this fight. Too many citizens are suffering for us to debate this issue. Shattuck offers us a unique and important opportunity now, action cannot be delayed.

Thanks for your leadership and those at DCAMM for supporting the continued use of this land for public health purposes.

Sincerely,

Joe Vallely
25 Danforth Street
Jamaica Plan, MA 02130

From: [Jim Clarkeson](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Desmond Murphy](#); [George Stergios](#)
Subject: Letter in Favor of the State's Plans for the Shattuck Campus in Jamaica Plain
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 4:50:09 PM

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Dear Loryn,

I'm writing to voice support for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's vision for the Shattuck campus in Jamaica Plain.

I care greatly about historic and beautiful Worcester Square in the South End and have invested in it over a number of years.

At the same time, I sympathize with those impacted by recent increases in addiction and homelessness who must seek help nearby. I'm glad the neighborhood is able to be of assistance to them.

But, in this case I agree with my neighbors, an increase would certainly overwhelm the resources available to address these issues bringing disproportionate burden to those of us seeking to maintain some kind of balance.

Sincerely,

Jim Clarkeson

From: [Bradley Cohen](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Letter in support of the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment Plan
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:17:29 PM
Attachments: [Shattuck letter Cohen.pdf](#)

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Please find attached. Thank you.

April 22, 2021

Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

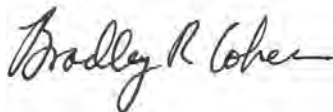
I live at 88 Rossmore Road in Jamaica Plain, just a block from Franklin Park and near the Shattuck campus. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

The services that will stay at the campus, and the new services planned for the site, are essential to our community. Especially now, in the midst of the twin pandemics of addiction and COVID-19, we cannot wait longer to move forward. By providing supportive housing and behavioral health services, the proposal improves our overall community and makes us all safer.

While the Arborway Yard is also in my neighborhood and I want to see it turned to another use, it is inadequate for the purposes proposed at the Shattuck and would delay services that need to move forward quickly. The MBTA's delay on building a permanent facility is inexcusable and should be addressed, but this is not the solution for today.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley R. Cohen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Bradley Cohen
87 Rossmore Rd
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

From: [Kathy Brown](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Allyn; julia.mejia@boston.gov](#); [michelle.wu@boston.gov](#); [michael.f.flaherty@boston.gov](#); [Annisssa Essaibi-George](#); [Matthew O'Malley](#)
Subject: Letter in support of the Shattuck Redevelopment Proposal
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 3:20:36 PM
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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Kathy Brown and I am a longtime resident of Jamaica Plain near Forest Hills. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I am a member of the Shattuck CAB and fully participated in all the CAB and community meetings. Working on affordable housing and homeless issues for over 30 years with the Boston Tenant Coalition and City Life/Vida Urbana before and volunteering for many years with the JPNDC and JP Neighborhood Council Housing & Development Committee, I am acutely aware of the affordable housing, displacement and homeless crisis in Boston and beyond. The pandemic has only exasperated this crisis and continues to disproportionately impact communities of color.

Through the Shattuck redevelopment planning process, I learned more about the great need for mental health and treatment services in addition to supportive housing and emergency shelter

I am also someone who loves and uses Franklin Park and our 2 children went to the fabulous Shattuck Childcare Center (that I hope can return to the campus as well!) Boston and this area is so blessed with open space and parks.

The process was inclusive bringing people and groups from all the communities surrounding the park. **The CAB and meetings also brought people with lived experience with homelessness and and substance abuse. The break-out groups allowed everyone to participate and give feedback. Park advocates played a critical role as well.** Great ideas were brought re integrating the park more with the Shattuck campus, making it welcoming to all, connecting all the pieces and making the structures sustainable. **The plan that was developed brings all these components together and I know the community will further shape the plan as it moves forward.**

I also am very aware of the **Arborway Yard** history and work with many in the community who have worked so hard on this over 20 plus years. Moving the Shattuck is entirely infeasible. The State made it clear at meetings that they had spoken with the MBTA and this parcel was not available. **The MBTA made a commitment to the community for 8 acres for affordable housing. Local commercial development and open space.** Furthermore the JP/ROX plan is counting on that parcel to fulfill the affordable housing goals. The need for affordable housing, shelter and supportive housing are all so urgent. **We need both parcels!** In addition, the supportive housing units cannot be delayed any longer if the State was to pause and review further this misleading proposal. With closure of Long Island and the crisis in the Melnea Cass and Mass Ave area, and the opioid epidemic there can be no delay in continuing to provide and actually expand the treatment programs and emergency shelter.

Please move forward as quickly as possible in moving this project forward, as lives and the wellbeing of our communities are at stake. Thank you.

Sincerely
Kathy Brown
10 View South Ave, #3
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Director of the Boston Tenant Coalition

From: [Randi Lathrop](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Jon - Rep. Santiago](#); [Ed Flynn](#); [Frank Baker](#); [Sonia.Chang-diaz@masenate.gov](#); [Michelle Wu](#); [Annisssa Essaibi George](#); [Sheila Dillon](#); [Aaron M. Rep - Michlewitz \(HOU\)](#); [Kim Janey](#); [Stephen S. Fox](#); [Lyndia Downie](#); [Vanessa Calderón-Rosado](#); [Edward McGuire](#); [Faisa Sharif](#)
Subject: Letter: Shattuck campus
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 4:06:33 PM
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Dear Loryn,

Please find our support letter for the RFP for the Shattuck campus.

Sincerely yours,
Randi Grohe Lathrop

Randi G. Lathrop, President & CEO

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Volunteer Board Member: (SEBA) South End Business Allaince

Randi and Bob Lathrop, 67 Saint Botolph St, Boston MA 02116

To: State Asset Management Board
Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision

Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services. This CAC worked very hard to come to a consensus with the State and City. As residents of the South End and Back Bay, since 1986, the situation in the surrounding neighborhoods has never been in such terrible crisis. The opiate crisis is out of control in the City of Boston and this .

The Commonwealth and the City of Boston desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13-acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. **We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. This population needs services and much needed housing NOW. Do not delay this RFP.**

There is no greater priority for the city or the state.

Thank you

Name: Randi Grohe Lathrop and Bob Lathrop
Address: 67 Saint Botolph Street, unit 2, Boston MA 02116

Thank you for your consideration,

Randi and Bob Lathrop
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Councilor Frank Baker
State Representative Aaron Michelewitz
Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz
Chief Sheila Dillon
Lyndia Downie
Elizabeth Beutal, SEBA
Steve Fox, CAC member

From: [Ren Pilinger](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Local clinician in support of the State plan for the Shattuck
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:46:33 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Oren "Ren" Pilinger, and I am a resident of West Roxbury and clinical director at Boston Acupuncture Project in Hyde Park. I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

As a Boston resident since 2006, I have seen the city become more and more gentrified, with housing ever more expensive and difficult to obtain or hold on to. The housing crisis is especially acute for our neighbors struggling with mental health or substance abuse challenges.

Over 2/3 (70%) of market-rate eviction filings are in census tracts where the majority of residents are people of color, according to a 2020 report from MIT and City Life/Vida Urbana. In the city of Boston, there are over 10,000 individuals that experience homelessness each year. The state has identified that there is a need for over 3,300 supportive housing units in Eastern Massachusetts, and Black and Latinx persons have a higher likelihood of experiencing homelessness than non-Latinx White persons, according to the City of Boston's Assessment of Fair Housing

We now know that connecting people with housing first is crucial for recovery from mental health and/or substance abuse struggles. Without stable and supportive housing, people end up in the ER or in an inpatient unit, which is worse for them and more costly for all of us.

That is why, when the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to consensus on a Vision Plan.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be

accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center.

Importantly, while the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, they participated in the planning process and ultimately supported the Vision Plan.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor morally responsible.

Why should we consider throwing away a consensus-based solution, in favor of this mirage of an idea?

Those in favor of “returning the land to the park” seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted’s 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community’s 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,
Oren "Ren" Pilinger
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From: [Sean Dew](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:32:50 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Sean Dew and I am a resident of Somerville. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. My own father has recently been in and out of the hospital due to dementia related to his Parkinson's disease. It was a constant battle to get him the bed and services he needed to be stable.

Fortunately, Boston has developed strong civic-mindedness around the crucial needs of housing and behavioral health services. When the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to a consensus on a Vision Plan.

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In the City of Boston's PLAN JP/Rox, the Boston Planning and Development Agency estimates that over a third of the affordable units for this area (372 out of 1010) will be built on these 8+ acres. If those units are eliminated, it would bring the affordability in JP Rox way below the agreed upon community goal of 40% affordable.

Those in favor of “returning the land to the park” seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted’s 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. **I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community’s 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.**

Sean Dew

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From: [Helen Murphy](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 9:19:40 AM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Helen and I am a resident of Forest Hills, Jamaica Plain. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

My uncle struggled with substance abuse for most of his life and would have greatly benefited from supportive services and housing in a place like the Shattuck campus.

Unfortunately, he wound up in and out of prison for many years, which did nothing to address his addiction. He died of HIV/AIDs contracted from intravenous drug use and my family has never truly recovered. Those struggling with addiction are often unable to be the loudest advocates for change so I challenge you on his behalf. This space for supportive housing and patient centered, medically informed, wrap around services is desperately needed in Boston.

In the city of Boston, there are over 10,000 individuals that experience homelessness each year. The state has identified that there is a need for over 3,300 supportive housing units in Eastern Massachusetts. We know that homelessness disproportionately plagues BIPOC people and stable housing is a foundational step in beating addiction.

Fortunately, Jamaica Plain has developed strong civic-mindedness around the crucial needs of housing and behavioral health services. When the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to consensus on a Vision Plan.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center.

Importantly, while the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, they participated in the planning process and ultimately **supported** the Vision

Plan.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion, at the eleventh hour and divergent from community voice, is neither practical nor morally responsible. Why should we consider throwing away a consensus-based solution, in favor of this mirage of an idea?

Those in favor of “returning the land to the park” seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted’s 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. **I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community’s 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.**

Sincerely,

Helen Murphy
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From: [henrietta.barnes](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 6:08:17 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Henrietta Barnes, and I am a resident at 58 Robeson St, Jamaica Plain adjacent to Franklin Park off Sigourney Street. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus. Times have changed: Those most affected by poverty homelessness, racism, stigma should be the ones to lead us to solutions. For those who cannot advocate for themselves, our community is here to support**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but **the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.**

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. As a primary care medicine/addiction specialist for more than 40 years, I know that secure shelter and housing is the foundation to remission/recovery for homeless people, especially those with chronic substance use disorder. When we moved here over 40 years ago, there were several rest homes in the neighborhood, including across the street from us. Many of the residents had chronic mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders, but at least they had a roof over their heads. Gentrification has pushed most of these much-needed homes out of our neighborhood.

It's time that these people, among the most vulnerable in Boston, are at the head of the line for decent housing. The Shattuck is an ideal location for this endeavor: close to public transportation, located on the edge of the most beautiful park in Boston that belongs to all who live here. This is our neighborhood and community.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Who is the Emerald Necklace Conservancy? How many of its Board and staff live in our

neighborhood "on the wrong side of the tracks" in JP? Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Henrietta N. Barnes, MD
58 Robeson Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
email: barneshrobin@gmail.com

From: [Jan Rowe](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: moreover...about last evening's Shattuck meeting
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:08:02 AM

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Good morning,

I am the retired RN who worked the 3 then 5 Department of Mental Health units at Lemuel Shattuck for 23 years. Last night was mentioned that the folks on the other side of the park were not very represented. When we were in the park just about daily, there were two walks: a fast perimeter walk then a more meandering one, we noted that the majority of people using the park were brown or black.

The rules changed; fences went up and down. We used to be able to enter the park easier before fencing. Patients initially needed only staff escort status to go with the park group; later this was changed to staff escort off grounds to use the park. Many, many times our patients would watch the picnics and tennis courts. Often those having picnics would offer food to our patients.

I am very concerned about protecting the vulnerable, as current staff John Stout mentioned, from addicts. When I retired in 2015, part of the chapel had been converted to a methadone clinic.

I also do not understand why a private company would want to develop this. However, as I attend the cathedral across from Brewer's Fountain on the Common, the homeless many addicted or mentally ill or both and maybe begging, many of whom I know, are not good for tourism. The only European city I have seen comparable, and seemed less, is Rome.

Finally, these antipsychotics used to be called major tranquilizers – the idea that a homeless mentally ill person can be given a major tranquilizer and left on the street is really tragic.

Thank you,
Jan Rowe, RN

From: [Matt Barber](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: My Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Saturday, April 17, 2021 3:09:09 PM

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To:

State Asset Management Board
Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate

Dear Loryn:

I vociferously support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. One stroll down Mass Ave or in the nooks and crannies of the south end makes this abundantly clear. The people affected by this crisis are struggling and need coordinated help to not perpetuate the ills they currently face and that are passed on to neighbors in the form of crime, vandalism, and health hazards not to mention destabilizing a neighborhood's confidence in itself.

I therefore support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state.

Thank you!

Matthew Barber
176 W Canton St
Boston, MA 02116

From: [DJamil Graham](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: No thank you to the Shattuck land grab project!
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 9:25:00 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

As a long term resident here in the Forest Hills neighborhood I am not surprised to see your name attached to the most current land grab proposal here, the PUBLIC HEALTH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT of the LEMUEL L. SHATTUCK HOSPITAL.

This project seems just like every other project that has decimated the ecosystem with its violent removal of trees, expeditious 'development' of apartment complexes that the existing population cannot afford, and the continuation of manipulating existing laws (eg. the avoidance of all impact/health/safety studies for the removal of the bridge) and on and on...

This project reflects yet another modern day colonialist land grab. It clearly has hired very skilled lawyers to massage and manipulate previous due process while installing its own agenda in service of whatever vision it is you are nurturing and not disclosing.

It is impossible, in good conscience, to support this project. There has been no public discourse whatsoever. The meetings did not offer transparency nor provide honest, thorough answers about what the project actually is or entails.

I know we the people of this town are not fooled. We are watching you with your smoke and mirrors destroy our community. We are all in this together...

Sincerely,
DJamil Graham

From: [Gretchen Keyworth](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Opiod crisis
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:28:10 PM

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Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services>

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state.

Thank you
Gretchen Keyworth
110 West Concord Street
Boston, MA 02118

From: [Emily Bloomenthal](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Plan for Shattuck Housing Campus
Date: Sunday, April 11, 2021 10:02:53 PM

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I am a JP resident and am writing to voice my support for the general plan to create supportive housing at the Shattuck site and also to request that *family* supportive housing be incorporated into the plan.

The current vendor programs at the Shattuck campus that are focused on substance use disorders are separate from the hospital and will not be moving to the South End. It is incredibly difficult to find locations for these types of programs, which frequently encounter opposition from potential neighbors. They will have a difficult time finding a new permanent home in Boston if this project does not move forward.

Supportive housing for the formerly-homeless and for families are huge public health gaps that can be partially filled on this public land that is deed-restricted for public health. Those who are chronically homeless have been particularly burdened by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is an opportunity of investment for a community that has been reeling since the closure of the Long Island Bridge and is desperately deserving of an upgrade in quality of life. We also desperately need places where families can stay together and where parents with substance use disorder or mental health challenges can get the support they need.

With major investments planned for Franklin Park, allowing this campus to be redeveloped will provide access to Boston's largest park for those living at the campus. The site is a 12 minute walk on a new multi-use path to the new Forest Hills Station head house, and only a 5 minute walk to more densely populated residential streets in JP.

Calls to not rebuild the Shattuck campus point to an alternative site at the nearby MBTA Arborway bus yard. The bus yard was committed for affordable housing roughly 30 years ago and there are no plans for that land to be available in the near future. History does not point to evidence that this site will be able to meet the urgent need of a recovery campus for those suffering from addiction, or supportive housing for those who've experienced homelessness.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Emily Bloomenthal
Jamaica Plain



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From: [Nina Brown](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Planning for Shattuck Hospital/Franklin Park/Arborway Yard Bus Facility Comments
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:03:31 PM

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Dear Loryn,

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has the opportunity to invest in the long-term needs of the City of Boston, its neighborhoods and climate by adding in a significant manner to Boston's open space inventory. In 1949, 13 acres of Franklin Park were converted into a campus for Shattuck Hospital. DCAMM has the opportunity to repair the area, restore the 13-acre parcel to its previous use as parkland and provide the most public open space possible in this high-needs area and at this critical time for climate resilience.

In 2008, Mayor Menino set an important goal for Boston. The City would plant 100,000 new trees by 2020 and expand the city's tree canopy by 20%. Between fiscal years 2008 and 2017, the City planted 9809 new street trees and removed 5815 street trees for a net gain of fewer than 4000 new street trees. The City needs to look for opportunities to plant trees throughout the city as it considers ways to address climate change. Returning the Shattuck Hospital site to parkland would provide 13 acres for tree planting. Converting this area covered in buildings and parking lots back to green space by planting trees and removing impervious surfaces, would help achieve the city's goals for a Climate Ready Boston.

Boston is the fortunate beneficiary of Frederick Law Olmsted's park planning genius. The father of landscape architecture saw a way to store stormwater in an innovative linear park system. Boston's Franklin Park is one of his master works. The City needs to expand stormwater storage in order to address climate change. DCAMM has the opportunity of the century to respect Olmsted's legacy by returning the Shattuck Hospital site to park land and in doing so:

- Expand the city's tree canopy,
- Increase carbon uptake,
- Provide needed park amenities for the neighborhoods surrounding Franklin Park, that deserve environmental justice,
- Reduce heat islands and
- Increase stormwater detention.

The new uses proposed for incorporation into Franklin Park in the current process include housing for the formerly homeless and related healthcare uses, which would require 200,000 sq. ft. in an area not integrated into a community. Locating these uses nearer to transit and other activity areas on the nearby 18 acres of state-owned property at the Arborway Yard, could provide at least 200,000 sq. ft. of space. The Arborway Yard is located near the park, but is

closer to transit and less isolated, making it a far better location.

Best regards,

Cornelia Brown,

President

Arboretum Park Conservancy

From: [Sarah Koolsbergen](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Please Keep the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment on Morton Street in Jamaica Plain, MA
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:32:37 PM

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Good afternoon Ms. Sheffner:

I support the Vision Plan for the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment on Morton Street in Jamaica Plain, MA as proposed. The Shattuck Campus Redevelopment would provide affordable and supportive housing and substance use disorder and mental health services for Black, Brown, and Indigenous peoples in this community. In addition, the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment would be integrated with Franklin Park. Furthermore, there is a 20-year Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Boston and the MBTA to provide land for affordable housing, green space, and local commercial development.

In summary, I support the current Vision Plan to "create an innovative and person-centered campus designed to promote health, reduce barriers to treatment and integrate care across health care, behavioral health and housing systems, while prioritizing connections to the natural environment that are compatible with Franklin Park."

Thank you,

Sarah Koolsbergen
Community Member

From: [Martha Karchere](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Please Oppose the Development of the Shattuck Site
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 4:44:36 PM

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Please oppose the development of the Shattuck site for supportive housing. It is an old model of isolating poor and vulnerable people without easy access to transportation, shopping or general health care services. In addition there is a much better site across from the Forest Hills T stop, The Arborway Yard, also owned by the State.

Restoring parkland to Franklin Park and building community based supportive housing would be a win win for everyone.

Martha Karchere
Past President Franklin Park Coalition

From: [Eric Herot](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Please register my support for the Shattuck draft proposal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 8:49:45 PM

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I am writing to strongly support the Shattuck draft proposal in its current form. Please let this project move forward as soon as possible!!

Thanks,

Eric

From: [Isabel Shattuck](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: PLEASE return parkland to Franklin Park and preserve Olmsted's masterpiece!
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:14:53 PM

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Dear Ms Sheffner,

We hope you and your committee will carefully review and consider using **the Arborway Yard Bus Facility and return parkland to Franklin Park.** The value of open space has never been greater, and the State must not miss the opportunity to restore former parkland. The Arborway Yard Bus site has excellent transport, user density, and access advantages. It would be a win-win for all.

Sincerely,

Isabel M Shattuck
Boston Resident

From: lglaser@glaser-law.com
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Please use the SHattuck space for a health complex
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 12:26:38 PM
Attachments: [letterFranklinPark.pdf](#)

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Please see my attached letter. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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63 WALK HILL STREET
JAMAICA PLAIN, MA.
02130

April 23, 2021

To : loryn.sheffner@mass.gov

Re : Preserve the Health Complex in Franklin Park

Dear Sir or Madam :

I am a long-time homeowner in Jamaica Plain and have enjoyed many walks through Franklin Park. The Shattuck Hospital has always been in the park and it has never been an issue about its existence until now. The parkland is extensive and there is plenty of space for all the uses of the park and the hospital. It is not an either/or.

In addition, as a criminal defense attorney for more than forty years, I know that the coordinated services that will be provided will save lives. We do not do enough to address drug addiction and mental health issues. Small programs often address one issue without any involvement in the other issue. Yet mental health and drug addiction are intimately tied, along with homelessness and resultant health issues. A center with the capacity to provide shelter and coordinated counseling and other assistance is expensive, and won't be cost-effective if it is not on a large scale. There are no other realistic spaces to provide this opportunity.

Opponents of the plan suggest that it be built in the Arborway bus yard. But a lengthy community process has not resulted in any change in the MBTA's position on the use of this property. A suggestion that these services be built there will fail and the opportunity and lives will be lost.

I feel very strongly about this issue and hope that you will do everything in your power to make it happen.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lenore Glaser
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From: [marc draisen](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Sara Barcan](#)
Subject: Preliminary Project Proposal for Redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:40:42 PM

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April 23, 2021

Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate

One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor

Boston, MA 02108

RE: Preliminary Project Proposal for Redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus

Dear Ms. Sheffner:

As residents of nearby Roslindale, and as two city planners who work professionally on land use, housing, and environmental issues on a regular basis, we would like to express our support for the Preliminary Project Proposal for Redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan would provide much-needed behavioral health services, a shelter for homeless persons, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The COVID pandemic has only accentuated the need for all of these vital plan elements. The Plan would also integrate the campus with Franklin Park and include components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center.

Adopting this proposal would maintain housing and services for vulnerable people who have always had a place at the Shattuck, and for whom the benefits of access to green space are deeply important to their health and well-being.

The plan was developed through a robust visioning and community engagement process with diverse stakeholders from many neighborhoods. It was guided by principles that we strongly support, such as:

- * integrating the Shattuck campus with Franklin Park;
- * improving access to public transit, walking, and biking;
- * incorporating green and open space into the plan; and
- * aligning with local, regional, and state sustainable development goals and strategies.

Given the fact that the site is covered by existing development of 1950's era design, the redevelopment offers opportunities to greatly improve existing conditions with the addition of sustainable features such as green infrastructure, open space, pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, and connections to Franklin Park.

No park space will be lost as a result of this plan. In fact, green connections between the Shattuck site and Franklin Park and

surrounding neighborhoods will improve, while providing housing, shelter, and services the surrounding communities desperately need.

Sincerely,

Sara E. Barcan

Marc D. Draisen

95 Ardale Street

Roslindale, MA 02131

 ReplyForward

From: [Shannon m](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Preliminary Project Proposal for Shattuck campus redevelopment
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:48:32 PM
Attachments: [SupportLtrShattuckProposal.doc](#)

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Shannon McCarthy and I am a 28-year resident of the Woodbourne neighborhood of Jamaica Plain and have a psychotherapy practice on Washington St, three blocks from Franklin Park. I am writing in strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. As a clinical social worker who has practiced in a variety of settings with a variety of people from the homeless, the addicted and the mentally ill, I am acutely aware of the dearth of support resources for people who most need them. I believe we are a country, state and city that can and must do so much better than we are to care for vulnerable residents - so that each individual and family may live with dignity. I have seen our city and my neighborhood become more and more gentrified with fewer and fewer able to afford living here at all.

I love Franklin Park and have enjoyed it for many years – jogging around the golf course, exploring the “wilderness” with my daughter, participating in the kite festivals, cheering my neice and other youth runners in citywide cross-country competitions, cycling, attending caribbean festivals, observing public art, cross-country skiing, taking restorative walks during lunch breaks, watching the seasons change and so many other things. The park is a true gem in the city and allowing the Shattuck campus to be used for supportive housing and behavioral health services will only help our city by sharing the wealth with those who need it most.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor morally responsible because there is no guarantee that the MBTA will give up this space - in fact they haven't in (at least) 20 years that it has been in discussions.

I hope we have all learned from this pandemic just how important it is to protect the most vulnerable in our community. I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

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"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. What the world needs is people who have come alive."
Howard Thurman

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From: [Helen Raizen](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: bostontenantcoalition@gmail.com
Subject: Preliminary Project Proposal for the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment at Morton St.
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:13:26 PM

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Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Helen Raizen and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

As a longtime Boston resident, I have seen the city become more and more gentrified, with housing ever more expensive and difficult to obtain or hold on to. The housing crisis is especially acute for our neighbors struggling with mental health or substance abuse challenges.

In the city of Boston, there are over 10,000 individuals that experience homelessness each year. The state has identified that there is a need for over 3,300 supportive housing units in Eastern Massachusetts.

We now know that connecting people with housing first is crucial for recovery from mental health and/or substance abuse struggles. Without stable and supportive housing, people end up in the ER or in an inpatient unit, which is worse for them and more costly for all of us.

I have lived in Jamaica Plain since 1984. I walked in Franklin Park while waiting to give birth to my oldest child, who is turning 34 next week. I have ridden bikes there with my children; attended kite festivals; visited the zoo. My wife has worked in homeless services for nearly 20 years. We both know how important these housing units are for the health and welfare of our community.

Fortunately, Boston has developed strong civic-mindedness around the crucial needs of

housing and behavioral health services. When the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to consensus on a Vision Plan.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center.

Importantly, while the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, they participated in the planning process and ultimately **supported** the Vision Plan.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor morally responsible. Arborway Yard simply does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

Those in favor of “returning the land to the park” seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted’s 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. As someone who lives on the Arborway, I recognize the the Emerald Necklace has a lot of housing at its edges and we should share this privilege with others, particularly those in need of supportive housing. Thus, **I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community’s 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.**

Sincerely,

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Member of the Boston Ward 19 Democratic Committee
raizen@earthlink.net

From: [Henry Allen](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: bostontenantcoalition@gmail.com
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Dear Ms. Sheffner

I write today to express my strong support of the State's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus. The integrity of the planning process that led to this proposal is unquestioned. It actively engaged a broad set of stakeholders, including neighbors, community organizations and agencies, and city and state elected officials, in serious and thoughtful conversations. The Proposal offers the State an exciting opportunity to provide desperately needed supportive housing and services for some of our most vulnerable residents.

The late involvement of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy to basically sabotage the plan is very regrettable. It is also completely untenable as it raises the Arborway Yard as the alternate site for the Shattuck Campus. For more than twenty years I co-chaired the Community Planning Committee for the Arborway Yard, an all volunteer group of residents that was supported by over twenty two community and neighborhood and small business groups, by the late Mayor Thomas Menino and former mayor Marty Walsh, by State Representative Liz Malia and State Senator Sonia Chang Diaz, and by the Boston City Council. Ultimately our joint advocacy led to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the MBTA and the City and endorsed and supported by all of those named above. I have attached a copy of the document. As you read it you will see that at least 8 plus acres of the 18 acre site was promised to the City to build affordable housing, create additional open space, and promote small business development along Washington Street. The MBTA reserved up to 10 acres for the development of a state of the art maintenance and garage facility.

While the agreement has not been implemented, the State invested over millions of dollars in preliminary plans for the site and has not sought since its signing to amend or abrogate the agreement. Any plan to shift the Shattuck to the Arborway Yard would be met by fierce opposition and would defeat such plans for alternate use of the Arborway yard. If it would be helpful, I would be open to talking with you about my concerns.

Sincerely,

**Henry Allen
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE CITY OF BOSTON AND
THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on this 24th day of April, 2001, by and between the City of Boston (the "City") with a principal place of business at City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts 02201 and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (the "MBTA") with a principal place of business at the Transportation Building, Ten Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

It represents the culmination of an exhaustive comprehensive and collaborative planning process between the City, the MBTA and the Community Planning Committee for the Arborway Yard (the "CPCAY") as described in the November 16, 1999 Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the MBTA.

The following agreements are based on information provided on the Topographical Survey and Planimetric Map [15N-8E] and provided by the City of Boston. In view of the design process that is under consideration, the MBTA will be obliged to perform a more exacting survey of the site, inclusive of the City Street Lighting Pole Yard [the "City Pole Yard"] and their abutting land.

To the extent that this process reveals any discrepancies between the original City Topological Survey and Planimetric Map [15N-8E], the total land area assumptions will be adjusted accordingly.

For contextual reference, we are providing the following site plans for review:

- City of Boston Topological Survey & Planimetric Map;
- MBTA-COB-CPCAY Revised Option-T with Site Analysis, May 2001

Now therefore, the City and the MBTA agree as follows:

FACILITY PROGRAM, PLANNING & DESIGN

- A. The total number of buses to be garaged and maintained at the proposed Arborway Transit Facility shall not exceed 118. If the LRV service is restored, then the maximum number of vehicles to be stored at the Transit Facility shall not exceed (104).

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- B. The buses garaged, fueled and maintained at the Arborway Facility, in the near term shall be 40' CNG buses and in the long term, there may be twenty-60' CNG buses. Alternative technologies including fuel cell and hybrid electric vehicles shall also be pursued. No diesel buses are to be fueled, garaged or maintained at the Arborway Yard, even on an interim basis. Only vehicles actually garaged at the facility will be fueled and maintained there.
- C. The Facility and all access and egress points must be located on the Arborway side of the site.
- D. The best location for a two-way road under the Casey Overpass should be studied, acquired, designed and constructed to provide optimum bus access/egress to the Arborway Yard.
- E. There must be an Emerald Necklace Re-Connector with an average width of 85-ft and not less than 60-ft at any point, to link Franklin Park with the Arnold Arboretum, and that does not run along the Casey Overpass. The MBTA should amend the Facility design contract of Goodkind & O'Dea to reflect the additional task of providing landscape architectural services for the Emerald Necklace Re-Connector.
- F. The Washington Street/Arborway corner of the site must be developed as a signature entrance to site and enhance the Emerald Necklace Re-Connection.
- G. No vehicles will cross the Emerald Necklace Re-Connector at grade unless it permits a substantial increase in green space.
- H. There shall be no commuter parking. Employee and visitor parking shall be accommodated on the roof of the transportation facility. In order to preserve and provide for adequate parking for existing businesses and residences, fifteen surface parking spaces shall be provided for businesses in the Brookley Road/Stonley Road area and the City will install parking meters on both sides of Washington St.
- I. All MBTA activity shall be confined within an area not to exceed 10.3-acres, inclusive of the Facility, the LRV reservation and # 500 Arborway. Should the LRV not be restored, then a minimum of 0.8-acres of land will be made available for community planning and use purposes.
- J. The Facility will meet federal and state standards as agreed upon by all; to reduce light pollution, all exterior lighting must be fully cut-off and shielded; must include sound barriers constructed to enclose noise sources; HVAC blowers and compressors should be structurally isolated; marshaling yard must be enclosed with walls/screening buffers of sufficient height so that buses are not visible..

The Facility design and construction must ensure that the discharge of any pollutants meet the higher of federal, state standards, codes or regulations.

The Facility must be designed, operated and maintained to prevent additional ambient noise.

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- K. The existing City owned "Pole Yard" will be incorporated into the Arborway Yard Plan.
- L. The MBTA will transfer, for good and valuable consideration, no less than 8.0-acres of the Arborway Yard site to the City for community use. The MBTA is transferring this land with the understanding that it is necessary to satisfy community priorities and mitigate the impact of the Facility. Priority uses, as determined by the CPCAY community planning process are affordable housing, youth recreation, retail, light industrial, the Emerald Necklace Re-Connector and mixed-use development along Washington St. The CPCAY will bring together all relevant community interests in Jamaica Plain, including, but not limited to, local abutters, to establish a committee of these interested parties that will oversee the community planning process for determining how these priority uses for the not less than 8.0 acres will be implemented.

OPERATIONS

- M. A vintage alternative fuel vehicle should be run between Forest Hills Station, the Arboretum, Franklin Park Zoo and the Mass Audubon Society's Boston Nature Center. The MBTA will participate in funding 50% of the cost of the seasonal service. The MBTA will not operate the service.
- N. No stationary commercial advertising of any kind is to be located on or associated with the facility.
- O. Comprehensive security arrangements must be provided at the facility by the MBTA.
- P. A transportation management plan must be approved by the City to ensure that no bus or other large MBTA vehicle is allowed on residential side roads; and MBTA employee's or clients will not use residential side roads for parking or access to the facility.
- Q. Traffic, acoustic air quality modeling must be completed before the project enters the schematic design phase and evaluated by the CPCAY and the City of Boston, as previously agreed to by the MBTA.
- R. The City must retain ownership of the Stoney Brook.
- S. The MBTA strongly encourages the use of Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and City of Boston residents as prime contractors, subcontractors, tradespeople, and suppliers in all of its contracting opportunities.
- T. Only low to mid-level maintenance shall be performed on vehicles in the facility. All work shall be performed between 6 AM and 11 PM. No repair work to be performed between 11 PM and 6 AM. Activity will be limited to visual bus inspections. Low to mid-level maintenance does not include major bodywork or engine and transmission overhaul.

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- U. To ensure complete compliance of the Agreement between the MBTA and the City of Boston during the design completion, construction and operations of the Arborway Yard Facility, all design and construction documents will be made available to the CPCAY and the City for timely review, including, but not limited to 5% and 15% schematic design; 30% and 60% design development; and 90% and 100% construction documents.

In the event of any violation or alleged violation of the Agreement during the design phase of the project (which also shall include any design work concerning change orders during the performance of the construction contracts), the MBTA, on its own, or upon request from the City or the CPCAY, will suspend design only of the area of dispute concerning any such violation or alleged violation. The teams (CPCAY, the City and the MBTA) shall be given notice of any such violation or alleged violation, and the teams shall be provided thirty days to cure any violation of the Agreement. In no event, however, shall the MBTA cause or allow the design work following such 30 day cure period, to proceed in a manner that will cause or allow a violation of the Agreement.

In keeping with the MBTA's continued commitment to be responsive to community concerns, which has included, but not limited to transfer of a minimum of 8.0 acres of real estate, the MBTA shall implement and maintain the highest standard for responsiveness to community concerns on all aspects of the operations of the Transit Facility. As part of this standard, the MBTA will continue to meet with and report to community members on a regular basis, shall publicize the name and telephone number of the superintendent of the facility, and shall respond and act to resolve all reasonable community concerns on a prompt basis.

COROLLARY

- V. There must be a Forest Hills Area Master Plan to evaluate and optimize the full impacts of development and transportation related activity in the vicinity of the Forest Hills/Arborway Yards. The MBTA, the City and all appropriate agencies will participate in this master planning process.

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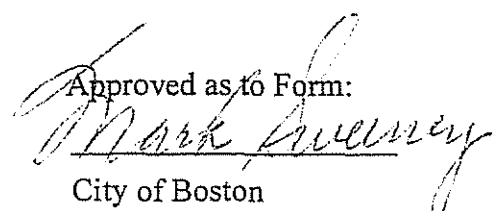
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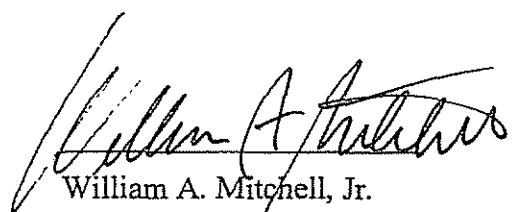
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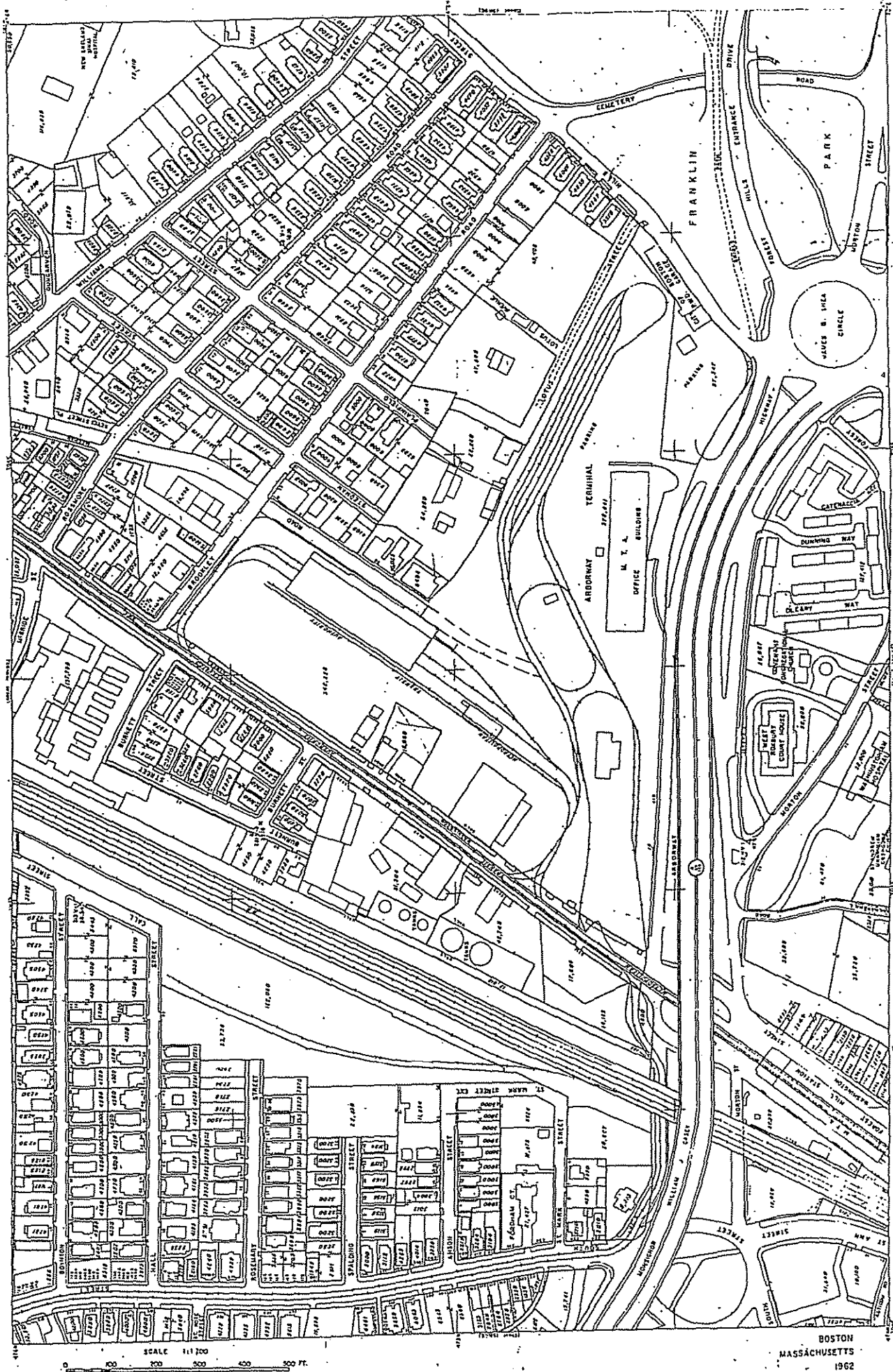
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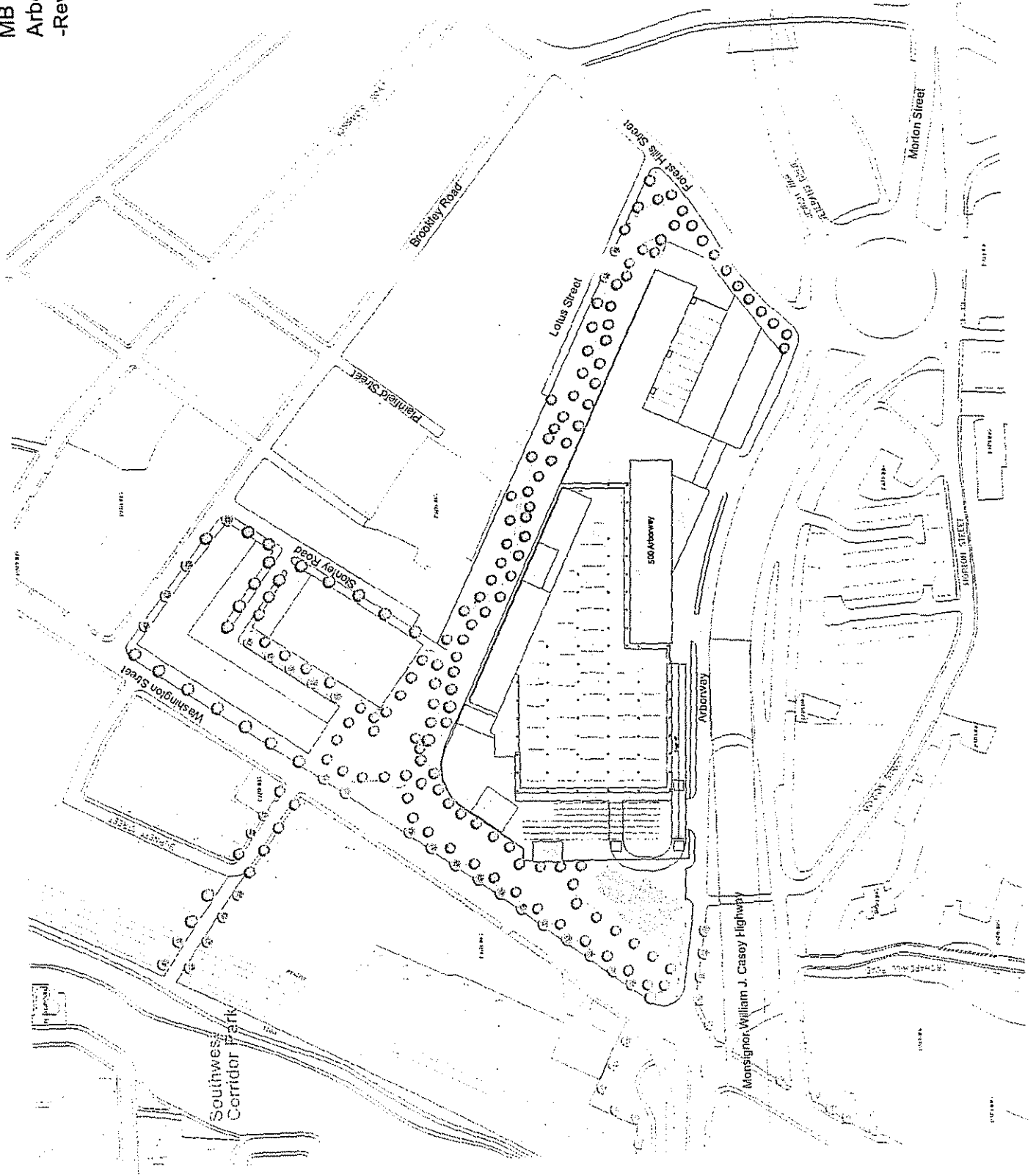
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From: [Joan O'Mara](#)
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Subject: Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 5:46:42 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Joan O'Mara and I am a longtime resident of Jamaica Plain and currently live in the Forest Hills area. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

I have been a Community Health Nurse for more than 30 years. I have worked also in FQCHC's. I have devoted my career to the underserved population of the inner city and seen the brutal impact of poverty and addiction.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all. I urge the Commonwealth to show commitment to the social healing needed in this Commonwealth and in this Country.

Sincerely,
Joan O'Mara

Joan O'Mara, RN, BSN, CCM
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From: [Meg Howard](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Question about Shattuck Redevelopment
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 10:55:42 PM

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Hello Loryn,

I was wondering if a public pool would be an allowable use under the site's public health use restrictions. I'd love to see an outdoor public pool on the campus. I think it would draw people from all different communities around the park into the park and this campus. I don't know of any outdoor pools near the area. As Boston gets hotter and hotter due to climate change, I think this would be a great amenity to add to Franklin Park.

Do you know if that would be allowed? I am very supportive of everything else that you've laid out in the program too, I'd just like to see a pool under the "other complementary uses" category.

Thank you!

Meg

From: [John Fitzgerald](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Redevelopment of Shattuck Campus: Preliminary Project Proposal
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 2:25:47 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is John Fitzgerald and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain. I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. The vastness of Franklin Park's open space will not be damaged by the elimination of the current Shattuck Hospital, and I assume that the supportive services and housing will be much less obtrusive than that giant facility.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

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From: [Sara Donahue](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: redevelopment of the Shattuck campus
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:04:06 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
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Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Sara Donahue and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

In my role as Director of Community Integration for Boston Children's Hospital's accountable care organization, I have seen first hand the impact of housing insecurity and behavioral health symptoms and conditions on our patients and their families and communities, and the dire need for additional resources in our city.

As a resident of the community adjacent to Franklin Park and the Shattuck campus, I am grateful that the Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes the essential supports of behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing, while also including efforts to integrate the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. This type of multidisciplinary initiative holds great promise for reducing the stigma associated with the services provided and promoting individual and community well-being. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

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From: [Wagner Quintanilha](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Redevelopment of the Shattuck Hospital
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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

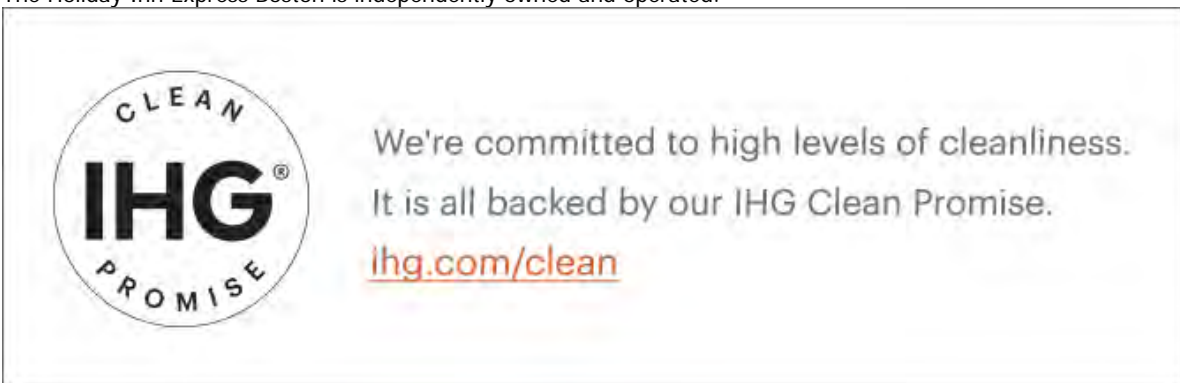
Thank you.

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From: [Lee Steele](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision Plan - Morton Street
Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021 7:57:53 PM

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To: Loryn Sheffner, DCAMM Project Manager, Office of Real Estate Management

Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM, the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state.

Respectfully,

Lee Steele

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Cc: garrisontroutter@gmail.com; roxburyunitedneighborhoods@gmail.com; admin@franklinparkcoalition.org; freemansherwood@hotmail.com; mcbgreenway@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Shattuck Hospital and the public hearing process. OR LACK THERE OF!
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Thanks for the reply but as distasteful as these questions may be to you and your crew of public employees and contractor, could you just take a minute and give a response and really think about what you are saying?

These statements made and questions raised are not made in a vacuum or unmeaning manner. What you are hearing from me and others are legitimate questions regarding our lives and the lives of our friends and neighbors who are and will be impacted by your actions and behavior.

Is it unreasonable to ask that you all take a moment on your quest to secure profits for some unknown or unnamed developer to share with us your rational for making these socially and environmentally dangerous decisions?

Please keep in mind that the questions and statements come after more than two years of research and analysis of YOUR proposals and of course the alternative sight proposals and program goals and process which you purport to be in the best interest of those presently without housing and in a socially dependent situational challenges.

We do not want you to continue to move the project forward in the direction in which you are heading as it is not in the best interest of any of the parties involved. If you and your colleagues are unable or incapable of understanding the ramifications of the process you are proposing, to ram down the throats of this community, I ask that you personally take a moment and try to imagine putting yourself and your families into this situation, not from my perspective or that of the coalition of groups trying to get you to turn around but the situation or lives of those individuals, depending and believing in you and their Governor, thinking you have their best interest at heart. Do you really believe they can or will benefit from this flawed and corrupt process of land disposition or gift giving outside of the public interest?

Someone will benefit, I am sure of that but it will not be those men and women that have already been dealt a crushing blow by society now trusting and depending in YOU!

"The longer you keep going in the wrong direction the harder it is to turn around."

God Bless

Louis Elisa

-----Original Message-----

From: Sheffner, Loryn (DCP) <loryn.sheffner@state.ma.us>
To: lelisa2@aol.com <lelisa2@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, Apr 21, 2021 10:49 am
Subject: RE: Shattuck Hospital and the public hearing process. OR LACK THERE OF!

Thank you for your comments and interest in the project.

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moves forward.

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Again thank you for your comments and interest.

Loryn Sheffner

From: lelisa2@aol.com <lelisa2@aol.com>

Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 2:33 PM

To: Sheffner, Loryn (DCP) <Loryn.Sheffner@mass.gov>

Cc: jdamiano@emeraldnecklace.org; garrisontroutter@gmail.com

Subject: Shattuck Hospital and the public hearing process. OR LACK THERE OF!

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Ms. Sheffner, I am taking a minute to let you and your colleagues know that the event you called a public hearing last Tuesday, April 13, 2021 evening, was actually a public disgrace and an affront to anyone that has spent any time working with public policy and civic engagement. After more than 45 plus years of working in government at every level, from local to national and international I have never been subjected to such a disrespectful and disgraceful presentation by a public agency. I spent more than 16 years in the Executive office of Environmental Affairs and oversaw hundreds of public projects involving DCAM MDC, and a host of other agencies. At no time did I ever witness anything as poorly managed as this past "public" event around the Shattuck campus.

Not only did you and your team bully the conversation by not allowing participants to interact, shutting off inter group communication but you unfairly control the process by allowing those you prefer, to speak longer and others you liked to speak without correction and to give blatant misinformation and false perspectives.

Firstly, Franklin Park and the Shattuck Campus is NOT/NOT now or ever has been in Jamaica Plains section of Boston. The fact that you agency has placed it there for the convenience of support and as a way of avoiding the Black and Latinx community, does not change the reality that what you are doing is a violation of the process which requires real community involvement and participation in programs and projects like this, that seek to deprive the residents of an area of its natural resources and access to what should be public space.

This had been one of the more Racist procedures on the part of the Commonwealth, I have had the misfortune to witness or try in which to participate with in a very long time. Not just because of your lack of any black or brown people on your staff, working on or with this project but there has been little to no public outreach to the communities of Roxbury and Dorchester that about the park and no documented history of any communications with established housing programs, churches, social groups or neighborhood associations within the Black and Latinx Communities surrounding the Park.

The issues raised from the very beginning of this so called public process as to the purpose and benefits of this development to the residents and communities that about the park have yet to be addressed. While it seem that after almost three years you and your crew (colleagues) which seemingly are being paid to ignore black and brown residents of this city and their needs to maintain and upgrade the open spaces

withing their community the real purpose of the land give away has yet to be determined. Despite all your prognostication there is no real or rational benefit to the "conically under housed" or the so called substance dependent community that can be achieved through this development scheme, your agency is pushing down the throats of this community.

You nor any of your colleagues in the health community has yet to explain how they believe by ISOLATING people with serious substance abuse issues and who have been marginalized by society, put off and shunned away, will benefit from being forced into a location of this nature. It is a complete sham to say that you are trying to assist or helping to integrate people with social emotional, economic and health challenges, back into society while at the same time forcing them into a location that has little or no attachment to active areas of the community, poor transportation options, NO grocery or candy store, NO churches or schools and NO/NO neighbors other than the dead to speak of or with.

Again, I ask that you give an explanation as to what your mental health colleagues believe will be the benefit of this deep social isolation and stigmatization of individuals trying to recover and work their way back into society. Other than the tons of money the provider groups and agencies are going to make off of their misery, servicing them and forcing them by geographical isolation to maintain their dependency on social welfare and corrective programs, what is the growth perspective for the participants in this socially ostracized dependent ghetto? Who in the group, you say you are committed to reaching out to, will be able to afford to buy a house...how? How will those, isolated in this area, get to work given the poor transportation options and distance from the Forest Hill Station? In all honesty what are you and your colleagues really trying to create and why because clearly it is not your intentions to improve the quality of life for those trapped in this never ending cycle of dependency is you place them in a location that does not promote access to growth and change?

Next, why is Massachusetts the only state in the nation that is taking historic and iconic, PUBLIC PARK LAND and deeding it over to a PRIVATE DEVELOPER for NINETY-NINE (99) YEARS? How short sighted and stupid is that? When the demand is for more public space, given the needs of growing communities in the inner city, the State and the City is taking away public access and public space from the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston. There seems to be something wrong with this scenario that none of you are capable of recognizing, that works to the detriment of society. Why would the State reward anyone with the gift of Public Park Land at this time in our cities and states history, is the mist of a housing boom where there is less and less space for people to grow and relax, taking away opportunities for families and individuals to enjoy their environment? The actions of your agency begin to appear more nefarious than just simple ignorance of the demands of a growing society. Given the legislation on the preservation of public park land and the fact that no other state park facility is undergoing this type of transition, I would think your department might want to check with the Attorney General as to the legal viability of this action before proceeding further. I am sure that the United States Attorney may also want to look at this so called transaction, deal, privatization of public park land, on behalf of the environment, especially because there is a viable alternative to depriving the residents of this region and city, access to public park land and recreational benefits.

No question, you and your colleagues have spent a lot of the Commonwealths' resources putting together this give away package for someone or group that you thinks deserves this type of special pay day. Also, I am sure that all of the state and city public and private "human services" agencies, that are planning ahead, seeking ways to extend their contracts by maintaining a enclave that is forever dependent on their services is totally besides themselves in their support of this social and environmental holocaust,- this will not stand without challenge because it is the wrong thing to do and does not move the process forward on behalf of the population it purports to represent.

On behalf of the residents in the Back neighborhoods surrounding Franklin Park and with love and support for the many members of our community in need of supportive service, we stand in opposition of this scheme to deprive the area of free and open public park land and turn the Shattuck campus into a private non productive gift to some undeserving developer.

A VIABLE alternative exist, its called the arbor way. You all and your contractors have already made your money, a lot of it, wasting out time with this short sighted venture, please take the time now to rethink this tragedy with the goals of actually saving lives and improving the quality of life in the city of Boston.and the surrounding regions.

Respectfully,

Louis Elisa
President, GTNA

From: [Dukakis, Michael](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: RE: Shattuck Hospital at Morton St AMB Public Hearing Confirmation
Date: Sunday, April 11, 2021 3:15:02 PM

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Thanks, Loryn. I plan to testify and will join Governor Weld in doing so. Please urge Carole and others to study the Northeastern grad student plan carefully. It is vastly superior to what DCamm is supporting, much less expensive, and conveniently located close to the Forest Hills T station. Shattuck should be torn down and restored to the park. Mike Dukakis

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Loryn Sheffner](#)
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 3:08 PM
To: [Dukakis, Michael](#)
Subject: Shattuck Hospital at Morton St AMB Public Hearing Confirmation

Hi Michael Dukakis,

Thank you for registering for "Shattuck Campus at Morton Street AMB Public Hearing".

Please submit any questions to: Loryn.Sheffner@mass.gov

Date Time: Apr 13, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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From: [Roger Savonen](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Drew DeRose](#)
Subject: Re: State's vision for the Shattuck campus- please read.
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:36:54 AM

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Dear Loryn,
I wholeheartedly agree with Drew's comments.

It is about time we devote some resources on a comprehensive plan with a treatment center for this important health care matter.

Placing the center outside of a residential neighborhood will not only alleviate tension among patients and residents, it will also make treatment and recovery for this in need population more effective and successful.

Having all needed services at one location and in a nice park like environment will surely make patients feel better and recover faster.

The sooner this can be implemented the better.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,
Dr Roger Savonen

East Springfield St, Boston, MA

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 13, 2021, at 9:52 AM, Sheffner, Loryn (DCP) <loryn.sheffner@state.ma.us> wrote:
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> Mr. DeRose,
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> Thank you for your comments and interest in the project.
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> We read all correspondence carefully and will take it all into consideration as the project moves forward.
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> Your comments and others received during this period will also be made part of the Final Project Proposal that is provided to the Asset Management Board.
>
> Again thank you for your comments and interest.
>
> Loryn Sheffner
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Drew DeRose <drewderose@icloud.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:46 AM
> To: Sheffner, Loryn (DCP) <Loryn.Sheffner@mass.gov>
> Cc: Roger Savonen <roger.savonen@gmail.com>
> Subject: State's vision for the Shattuck campus- please read.

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> Dear Loryn,

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> I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus. I have lived on East Springfield Street for 20 years. As a resident, the decline in our quality of life is a direct link to not having enough supportive housing and treatment options available in Boston, for those in need.

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> This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services.

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> I strongly support and endorse this project. This will help the people in need AND the community living around the BMC campus.

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> Thank you.

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> Drew DeRose

> 53 E. Springfield Street

From: [Heidi Brewster](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Re: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 4:35:36 PM

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Thank you for this acknowledgment Loryn.

I very much look forward to progress for this forgotten population, as some days I think, but for the Grace of God, go I.

Kind regards,
Heidi

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 21, 2021, at 10:45 AM, Sheffner, Loryn (DCP)
<loryn.sheffner@state.ma.us> wrote:

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Again thank you for your comments and interest.

Loryn Sheffner

From: Heidi Brewster <hgbrewster@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:50 PM
To: Sheffner, Loryn (DCP) <Loryn.Sheffner@mass.gov>
Cc: Fox Stephen <stephenfox@verizon.net>
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision

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Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state.

I feel strongly that the first priority is to get the people suffering from addiction the help they need. They are sitting ducks in the South End. A recovery facility that let's them focus on their recovery, without the incredibly insidious distractions in the New Market area is a win-win. Win for the addicted and a win for our neighborhood.

Thank you.

Name: Heidi Brewster

Address: 1686 Washington Street, Unit 2, Boston, MA 02118

From: [Desmond Murphy](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Re: Support for State of MA's Shattuck Campus Project as written
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:57:16 AM

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Thank you for reading it!

Desi

On Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 10:42 AM Sheffner, Loryn (DCP) <loryn.sheffner@state.ma.us> wrote:

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We read all correspondence carefully and will take it all into consideration as the project moves forward.

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Again thank you for your comments and interest.

Loryn Sheffner

Mr. Murphy – Adding to my standard acknowledgement note a special thank you for your involvement and written comments as a member of the CAB.

From: Desmond Murphy <desmondmurphyjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:04 PM

To: Sheffner, Loryn (DCP) <Loryn.Sheffner@mass.gov>
Subject: Support for State of MA's Shattuck Campus Project as written

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Dear Loryn,

I am writing to support the State of MA's vision for the Shattuck Campus as written and urge the state to move as fast as possible to address these critical public health needs.

For context, I am a community advisory board member (CAB) and Boston resident. By education, I hold a PharmD degree. In this letter, I will explain my support through the following: 1) feedback summary, 2) current Massachusetts public health needs, and 3) public health campus availability. At the end, I ask two questions.

1. Feedback Summary

The State of MA led a thorough, inclusive community process, which identified the most pressing Massachusetts public health needs and proposed a pathway to address them. Local feedback influenced the designs through green space recovery and physical community connection. Lastly, no near term alternative sites are available. I therefore strongly support this Shattuck Campus project focus and vision.

2. Current MA public health needs: Substance use disorder, behavioral health, dual diagnosis, and income restricted housing (including supportive). I agree.

Public health surveys consistently identify behavioral health, substance use disorder (alcohol and/or opioid addiction), dual diagnosis, and housing (income restricted including supportive) as the biggest MA public health needs. The Shattuck Campus CAB vision aligned to these health needs. All public health experts (city and non-profit) CAB members agreed with these unmet needs. No CAB member identified other public health needs.

Some CAB members highlighted green space's general health benefits. I acknowledge positive medical literature showing positive public health outcome when comparing low access to high access green space areas. However, the area has over 500 acres of green space. Adding 13 acres or an additional 2-3% to green space would not provide the same societal benefits as addressing the urgent need for housing and SUD/behavioral health treatment.

Setting aside percentages and focusing on the top unmet health needs in Massachusetts, I am unable to locate publications linking green space to a reduction in the aforementioned public health needs.

I agree with the identified public health needs as being Massachusetts' most pressing (SUD, behavioral health/dual diagnosis, income restricted housing including supportive housing).

3. Public health campus availability: In the context of only one available health-deeded public health campus, I support repurposing the existing Shattuck Campus

For context, Undersecretary Lauren Peters sought feedback from all participants, often receiving tough feedback, even from City employees. All topics were welcome, including alternative locations from non-CAB members. The alternative site conversation genesis was a well-publicized letter from non-CAB member group.

In response, the Undersecretary stated that she contacted the MBTA about how to obtain the Arborway Yard. The process included fair market value assessment, public bidding, long timelines, and new community processes. For example, the methadone clinic and homeless shelter would be relocated to a dense residential neighborhood, where the community would want to discuss the existing zoning and suitability of a nearby methadone clinic and emergency men's shelter. After presenting this information, the Undersecretary asked if anyone had additional comments or concerns or wished to continue this discussion. No participants desired to continue the discussion at that point. In future meetings, site selection and "Northeastern study" did not play a major role.

If 5 sites with equal availability, feasibility, and capacity were available, the CAB would have had to make significant trade-offs. However, 5 sites are not available now. Only 1. If we switch sites now, the aforementioned public health needs will continue worsening as we initiate another multiyear public process.

After the last public meeting, where many community residents endorsed the "Northeastern report", stating that it influenced their views on siting. I have now read the report and learned the following about the report:

1. Northeastern students ran the project with a faculty advisor
2. Emerald Necklace was the client, with an Emerald Necklace board member serving as the students' faculty advisor
3. The report stated that relocating services would be better for providers and patients without stating which public health experts and organizations shared this view
4. The report did not highlight the timeline and process for DPH to obtain new parcels
 - i. Arborway yard as a housing location has been discussed for 20 years – how long will it take?
5. The report did not highlight legal considerations with relocating services like methadone and homeless shelters. Do they want to move? Methadone clinics feel legally singled out and sue under ADA. To avoid singling them out, I will ask: are there other ways to recover green space besides the 13 acre Shattuck campus?

Full disclosure: I am a Northeastern University graduate and have collaborated with students on 2 separate community consulting projects. I am familiar with the process of

approaching NU with a specific question and collaborating with wonderful students in solving my question.

Because of the lack of alternative sites with the same timelines, I support repurposing Shattuck to address the above public health needs.

4. Two questions

1. This state of MA vision will ultimately benefit people who generally do not participate in community meetings: People who are currently homeless, formerly homeless, and/or people with behavioral or SUD. What is the state of MA doing to ensure that this voiceless community has a voice in this process?

2. Mike from Franklin Park Coalition highlighted that the State of MA should contribute to the environmental clean-up. I strongly agree with his position. Can the state of MA commit to funding the post demolition environmental clean-up?

Thank you for reading this message.

Desi Murphy

Boston resident / CAB member

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Desmond Murphy, PharmD
978-790-7658

From: [Jennifer Uhrhane](#)
To: [EHS-Shattuck Campus Planning \(EHS\)](#); [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Malia, Liz - Rep. \(HOU\)](#); [Liana Poston](#); [Rogers, Michael \(HOU\)](#); lena.shapiro@masenate.gov; nathanael.shea@masenate.gov; Sonia.Chang-diaz@masenate.gov; kmauney-brodek@emeraldnecklace.org; [Julia Damiano](#)
Subject: restore lost parkland to Franklin Park
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:35:40 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I fully support the Emerald Necklace Conservancy's request to return these 13 acres back to Franklin Park and to create a new, better connected site for all the needed Shattuck services at the nearby state-owned Arborway Yard property. I agree that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the citizens of Boston to restore their park, when they were not given a choice the first time when the land was given away by the city. It was a decision made in haste, in an "emergency" to take "available" land where they could find it; it wasn't a carefully studied decision about what location would be best for the hospital and the future patients and clients it serves.

But also, importantly - this change of location is a great opportunity for the state to provide its supportive housing and health services in a transit-oriented location, far better connected to the community, rather than rebuild on the same, so-very-isolated site, away from city life. This concept also fulfills the decades long advocacy by the JP community for the state to build its overdue cleaner transit storage, maintenance, and re-charging facility in tandem with a mixed use development with affordable housing, retail, services, and additional open green space, as outlined in the city's Plan: JP/Rox rezoning/planning effort.

I live between the current Shattuck site and the Arborway Yard, so this is not a NIMBY argument. I am advocating for these services to stay nearby but just in a better location for the people that will be served.

Thank you,
Jennifer Uhrhane
47 Rossmore Road
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
jennifer@detailphoto.com

From: [Genevieve Day](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Return Shattuck to Franklin Park
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:10:33 AM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner / DCAMM / Office of Real Estate,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed plan to create housing at the Shattuck site in Franklin Park.

This is a **ONCE IN A LIFETIME** opportunity to restore parklands back to Boston - and all Bostonians.

As we have seen throughout this historic pandemic year, open green space is vital to the health and well being of our city and citizens.

It is a matter of **equity and access** to park lands that were historically designed to provide all of nature's bounty to *all of our citizens*.

The plan to utilize the MBTA bus yards for this mixed use housing seems much more suitable. That location is much more accessible and integrated into the fabric of the community around it. The Shattuck site is separated from livable city streets, grocery stores, bodegas, cafes, and public transport by multiple major intersections which functions to isolate that site from the city around it. It is not - and never was - a suitable place for housing!

As a 20 year resident of an abutting neighborhood, **I am asking the DCAMM to NOT authorize the redevelopment of this campus as outlined in FPP.**

Please restore this park back to the people of Boston.

History will thank you.

Genevieve Day
16 Bolster Street
Boston 02130

From: powellhouse2009@aol.com
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: SAVE THE SHATTUCK CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT PLAN
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:49:19 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Yvonne Powell and I am a resident of Roxbury. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Powell
185 Thornton Street
Roxbury, MA 02119
PowellHouse2009@aol.com

From: [Kay Sloan](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck campus redevelopment plan
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 8:29:15 AM

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> As a resident of Jamaica Plain, I strongly support the community-led plan for the redevelopment of the current Shattuck State Hospital site. This plan will meet a crucial need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. The proposal by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy is not workable from either a space or financial perspective. Please reject the ENC plan and move forward with the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus integrating badly needed housing with services in a green space open to all of Boston. Thank you.

From: [Thea Melluzzo](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Shattuck
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:25:41 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-jjgb0xdy.png](#)

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus. There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Thank you

Thea Melluzzo

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From: [Nan Stromberg](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Area
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 7:30:17 AM

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As a psychiatric nurse living in JP I want to see the shattuck hospital space devoted to treatment and housing services. We need these services desperately. I worked as a nurse in DMH for 30 years so I am well aware of the community needs for substance use treatment and housing. It is so much more important to use the land for these human needs. There is still plenty of gorgeous green space to enjoy.

Thank you.

Nan Stromberg
10 driftwood rd
Jamaica Plain Ma

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kathy Evans](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus - Support and Concerns
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 9:03:49 AM

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Dear Mr Sheffner

I am a long time Jamaica Plain resident who lives 2 blocks from Franklin Park; I walk in Franklin Park and my husband jogs around the golf course almost daily.

I support continuing to use the 13 Shattuck acres for public health uses and understand the need for supported housing and mental health and addiction/recovery services on the Shattuck site.

As an older woman who sometimes walks alone in Franklin Park – and who knows very little about addiction and homeless services - I have the following concerns:

- How will the development partner will be held accountable over the long-term?
- How will campus residents be integrated into the broader community? The site seems very isolated to me and not near any type of activities, stores, transportation, ...
- The potential for nearby wooded areas to be used for selling drugs and alcohol to residents and/or alcohol and drug use to tempt residents. Are there current models in similar settings that are successful?

Sincerely

Kathy Evans

52 Glen Rd.

From: [SARAH FREEMAN](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus at Morton Street - Public Comment
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposal by EOHHS to re-use the Shattuck Hospital site for supportive housing and other health services. To be clear, I'm **not** opposed to the supportive housing and other health services, just to the proposed location at the Shattuck Hospital site. There's an alternative location nearby – the Arborway Yard Bus Facility - that is better-suited for such uses, could meet multiple needs and commitments and allow for the return of parkland that was transferred from Franklin Park, which is surrounded by environmental justice communities – Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale and Jamaica Plain.

I urge EOHHS and the MBTA to work together to find a way to provide the supportive housing as soon as possible and to right the many wrongs which were described in previous correspondence to Commissioner Gladstone.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to solve multiple problems - and to make the best possible use of 31 acres in two locations near Forest Hills (13 acres at the Shattuck Hospital site and 18 acres at the Arborway Yard Bus Facility).

Please make every effort to ensure that we do not miss this opportunity to:

- provide the greatly needed supportive housing & health services, which the state is seeking to provide, in a transit-oriented location;
- create a cleaner-fuel (electric) transit storage & maintenance bus facility;
- follow through on the vision for affordable housing, commercial use and more (Plan: JP/Rox);
- restore lost parkland in Franklin Park, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted to

create a space for urban dwellers to experience nature, which results in physical, mental and spiritual health benefits

It could be a **win/win/win/win(!)**, and a collaboration between the Emerald Necklace Conservancy & Northeastern University has shown several ways that it could be done.

Also, there is new leadership at the MBTA & MassDOT, a new Mayor, a new President, and potential funding for infrastructure. When will there be a better chance for the Commonwealth to fulfill the potential of these 31 acres? Children who were born when the Arborway Yard Bus Facility MOU was signed by representatives of the MBTA & the City of Boston on April 24, 2001 are turning 20 years old tomorrow. That agreement called for the MBTA to transfer 8 acres to the City for community use in exchange for the City-owned Pole Yard & more. Instead, we got a “temporary” bus facility and nothing else.

Franklin Park is surrounded by environmental justice communities. The land that was transferred for the Shattuck Hospital was taken from these particular communities for a reason. (It was initially planned to be sited in a suburban location.) The hospital has provided valuable services for nearly 70 years, but now that there are plans for it to be demolished, Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester, Roslindale, JP deserve to have their historic green space restored. Why would we deny these communities when there’s a way to provide the supportive housing & health services in a location that’s better for the people EOHHS intends to serve?

I am also very concerned about two other aspects of the proposal:

- the many Waivers that are being sought, which appear to deny checks and balances that were put in place for a reason.
- the proposed 99-year lease of public land to a private developer – land that the City went to great lengths to acquire for use as public parkland.

The Franklin Park site should be the last resort - not the first & only choice! It has value as open space - not just for what can be built there.

I understand that EOHHS has this site and they have a great need to provide

supportive housing & recovery services, so they would like to fill that need in the location that they have. But if they approached it from the perspective of the people they intend to serve, who don't own cars & are trying to build new lives, it may not be in their best interest to be in the Shattuck Hospital location.

For the above reasons, I hope that EOHHS and the MBTA can be asked to work together to find a way to provide the supportive housing, the most critical need, as soon as possible at the transit-oriented site, the Arborway Yard Bus Facility site.

PLEASE DON'T MISS THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!

It seems fitting that comments on the Shattuck Hospital proposal are due during the week of Earth Day, Arbor Day and Frederick Law Olmsted's 199th Birthday.

There was a timely column in today's Boston Globe: "[Bringing Boston into the wild](https://www.bostonglobe.com/2021/04/23/opinion/bringing-boston-into-wild/)" - The Boston Globe:

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The comments above are a follow-up to my testimony at the 4/13/21 public hearing (regarding Article 97 protection of public open space and the required exploration of alternatives or provision of comparable replacement land) and in previous correspondence to Commissioner Gladstone & throughout the planning process.

Thank you for considering this once in a lifetime opportunity,
Sarah Freeman, 22 Arborway, Jamaica Plain MA 02130
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From: [Marjorie Greville](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus at Morton Street AMB Public Hearing April 13,2021
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:00:59 PM

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Dear Loryn,

I would like to add my comment to the April 13 Shattuck Campus at Morton Street AMB Public Hearing:

I want to urge DCAMM & the Department of Health & Human Services to consider the alternative MBTA site at Arborway Yard for their proposed new Shattuck Campus at Morton Street. The Arborway Yard site (18 acres) can be a transit oriented mixed use development that offers far more flexibility for community engagement to the vulnerable population that the current plan isolates along Morton Street. The Arborway site ,well planned , can provide mixed use housing, retail spaces, an HHS Support Campus, emergency Pine Street Inn housing, and a state of the art electric bus terminal all within close proximity to the Forest Hills T stop - a major mass transit connection to the rest of Boston. The use of this site would allow for the return of the 13 acre Shattuck Hospital site to Franklin Park and provide much needed added green space to underserved communities in Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan.

Thank you,

Marjorie Greville
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617 699 0801

From: [Flaherty, Tierney](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus Draft Project Proposal Comments
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:50:02 PM
Attachments: [Shattuck Letter Final.pdf](#)

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Hello Loryn,

Please find attached here comments from the Boston Public Health Commission regarding the Shattuck Hospital Campus Draft Project Proposal.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks!

Tierney

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Building a Healthy Boston

April 23, 2021

Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate
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Re: Shattuck Campus – Public Health Campus Redevelopment Project

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

I am writing to express the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC)'s support for the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment Project draft proposal. As currently presented, this project would continue to serve our city's most vulnerable residents, individuals experiencing homelessness, substance use disorder and behavioral health. There is a pressing need for the safe, quality housing that this project would provide, in addition to the significant behavioral support services to assist its residents. This plan is consistent with the City of Boston's commitment to housing all chronically homeless individuals currently living in shelter or on the street in Boston.

As Boston's health department, BPHC's mission is to protect, preserve, and promote the health and well-being of all Boston residents, particularly the most vulnerable. Our programs cover an extensive range of health-related issues including recovery services, homeless services, violence prevention, racial justice and health equity, and more. For decades, BPHC has provided access-to-care, harm reduction, and treatment services through the bureau of Recovery Services. Recovery Services offers comprehensive programming and resources aimed at preventing substance use and supporting the treatment and recovery for those impacted by substance use disorders. Direct services are provided by Recovery Services at three locations in Boston and cover the continuum of care including harm reduction programming, overdose prevention and Narcan distribution, street outreach, day time low-threshold spaces, drop-in access to care services for treatment, transitional and long-term residential programming, outpatient services, youth prevention and a peer recovery center. We also work across City departments and with community partners to create a coordinate citywide recovery strategy, fight stigma, and increase access to care. BPHC's Homeless Services Bureau is one of the largest providers of emergency shelters in New England, serving 600-700 persons experiencing homelessness each night. The Bureau provides a wide range of services, including emergency shelter, career counseling, job training, substance use prevention, and transitional and permanent housing support services. Our mission is to make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time. To succeed in this mission, we recognize the need for housing, especially permanent supportive housing. Supportive housing offers a tailored approach to helping an individual get the help and assistance they need based

on their service plan. Permanent supportive housing provides both needed financial support paired with client-specific supports to make housing retention successful.

Housing insecurity and homelessness has been recognized as an urgent crisis, but the COVID-19 pandemic has made the preexisting issues even worse. People living in congregate shelter settings have been especially vulnerable during the pandemic. While comprising less than 1% of the U.S. population, people living in congregate shelter settings have comprised nearly 50% of coronavirus deaths. We are proud that at BPHC, we were able to keep our doors open to new and returning guests throughout the pandemic and worked hard to keep guests safe with dedensification measures, frequent testing, and accessible vaccinations. Overall Boston-wide emergency shelter capacity, however, has decreased by nearly 600 beds while the number of single adults living on the streets of Boston and needing emergency shelter has increased.

Boston's homelessness crisis needs long-term, people-centered, sustainable solutions. All placements into permanent housing need to be sustainable over time, providing the kind of support services that aid clients in addressing the root problems that led to their homelessness. Without these services, some recently re-housed people will drift back toward homelessness, only to repeat the cycle. To address this crisis, the City of Boston has a broad housing strategy, *Housing Boston 2030*. The goal is to create 69,000 new units of housing that will serve a range of incomes. Permanent supportive housing with wraparound supportive services at the Shattuck plays an important part in meeting those goals and the increasing need for affordable housing. The proposed Public Health Campus Redevelopment Project at the Shattuck Campus is a much-needed additional piece to the City's efforts to reduce homelessness.

With input from the planning process to date, the State created a *Vision Plan for the Shattuck Campus at Morton Street*; a *Public Health Needs and Services Assessment*; and a *Preliminary Project Proposal*. The BPHC supports the vision for the campus which is to provide a continuum of behavioral health and health care services, a minimum of 75-100 units of supportive housing and integrate with Franklin Park, maximizing green space on Campus, improving accessibility and sustainable development.

Throughout the State's planning process, it has been assumed that public health uses would be a part of the site consistent with the State's understanding of deed restrictions and statutory restrictions set out in the act of the legislature authorizing the transfer of the property from the City to the State, Chapter 770 of the Special Acts of 1949. This also reflects the findings of the Public Health Needs and Services Assessment, as well as what appears to be a consensus among many community members, behavioral health and substance use disorder providers and advocates that public health uses remain a key part of the State's plans for the site. This is especially true given the enormous difficulty of siting the kinds of facilities envisioned by the State's plan.

In closing, we would like to extend our thanks to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Health for their leadership throughout this process, as well as the many organizations and community members who have thoughtfully participated throughout. With any further questions, please contact Tierney Flaherty at tflaherty@bphc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita Nieves". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rita" being more prominent than the last name "Nieves".

Rita Nieves, RN, MPH, LICSW
Interim Executive Director
Boston Public Health Commission

From: [Silva, Josefina](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck campus in Jamaica Plain
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:22:00 AM
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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus. There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Josefina

Josefina B. Silva

Vice President

Fluent in Portuguese and Spanish



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From: [Karen LaFrazia](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus Permanent Supported Housing
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Dear Loryn,

I am writing to demonstrate strong support for the State's vision to create permanent housing with supportive services on the Shattuck Campus.

St. Francis House located in downtown Boston provides day shelter, employment services, supports for those struggling with substance use disorders and more than 100 units of affordable and permanent supported housing. We serve 500 men and women a day who are experiencing homelessness or living in poverty.

We have a robust staff of case managers, housing navigators, employment specialists, mental health clinicians, care coordinators and recovery coaches. All of whom work tirelessly from their unique discipline with people who are homeless to stabilize thier lives. The single most important key to their success is the ability to obtain permanent housing with supportive services.

There is simply not enough to meet the need. Developing permanent supported housing on the Shattuck campus would not only stabilize the lives of those living in homelessness but would bring stability to the neighborhoods of Boston where people who are homeless are forced to languish.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Karen



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To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck campus plan
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 5:32:31 PM

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Hello,

My name is Rob Kerth. I live on Forest Hills St, opposite Franklin Park. I'm writing to express my strong support of the state's preliminary project proposal for redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus.

I walk in and use Franklin Park regularly, and love the park. I think that continuing to use the Shattuck Campus to provide much-needed services to the community is the best use I can think of for that parcel of land. Boston has an urgent housing and homelessness crisis, made worse by the loss of access to Long Island. There are members of our community who are hurting, right now, and this proposal is the fastest way to deliver some of the services they need.

Among my friends who live in this area and enjoy the park, every one that I'm aware of supports the proposal to use the Shattuck campus for supportive housing. In particular, I think it's great that the plan calls for incorporating the redeveloped campus into the park. (I'd be remiss not to note that my wife has been advocating for the idea of putting a swimming pool in the Shattuck Campus, which would both be an amenity for the residents there and draw people in from all the neighborhoods surrounding the park.)

I understand that some people have been proposing that the Arborway Yard be used for this purpose instead. I disagree. I think this is a perfectly good use for the current campus, and I don't think we should be relying on a speculative plan (will the arborway yard be available? when? what hurdles will come up?) for a need this urgent.

Rob Kerth
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From: [SARAH FREEMAN](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus Planning - File Size question
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Hello again, Ms. Sheffner,

In addition to my own personal comment on the Shattuck Campus Planning, I forwarded 3 more e-mails to you. Each one contained scanned signed post cards in several batches (5 MB or smaller per batch) which were delivered to Gov. Baker's office prior to COVID-19. I'm writing because of file size concerns. The e-mails didn't bounce back, so I hope they have reached you. In case there's a maximum size for e-mail attachments, I could resend one or two at a time. Would you please either confirm receipt or advise whether it is necessary to re-send?

Thank you.

Best regards,
Sarah

From: [SARAH FREEMAN](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus Planning - postcards (2 of 3)
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

This e-mail contains the 2nd (of 3) scanned batches of post cards that were delivered to Gov. Baker, as described in the previous e-mail, during the planning until March or 2020 (when COVID-19 changed everything).

Best regards,
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MS. SARAH E. FREEMAN
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on behalf
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Friends of
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Dear Gov. Baker, 3/9/20
Re: Batch 2 of post cards re Shattuck
Hospital + Franklin Park (Batch 1: 12/3/19)

November 20, 2019

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Boston currently faces a housing crisis and a raging opioid epidemic. Supportive housing and recovery services are more essential now than ever. We strongly support more supportive housing and services throughout Boston, including in our neighborhoods. But Boston's citizens should not have to choose between social services and green space.

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Second, we fear that these and other potential locations are being overlooked, not because they are unfit for the proposed services, but because carving up Boston's parks is politically easier than developing other publicly-owned land. This is a disservice to every Boston citizen. Communities need open space. Green space is essential to public health. In light of increasing rates of obesity, diabetes, and other debilitating conditions, Boston's citizens need and deserve adequate and safe parkland for sports, exercise, and other recreational activities. Franklin Park serves as a major outdoor recreational area for Mattapan, Roxbury, Dorchester, and Jamaica Plain. The people of these communities should not be required to give up, in the name of political expediency, precious public green space when locations more suitable for the proposed services are right down the street.

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Sincerely,

Sarah E. Freeman

+ ***Stonybrook Neighborhood***

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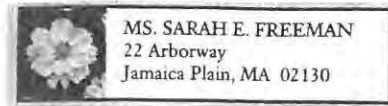
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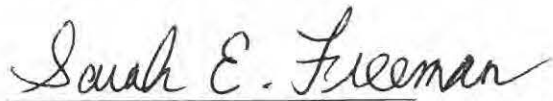
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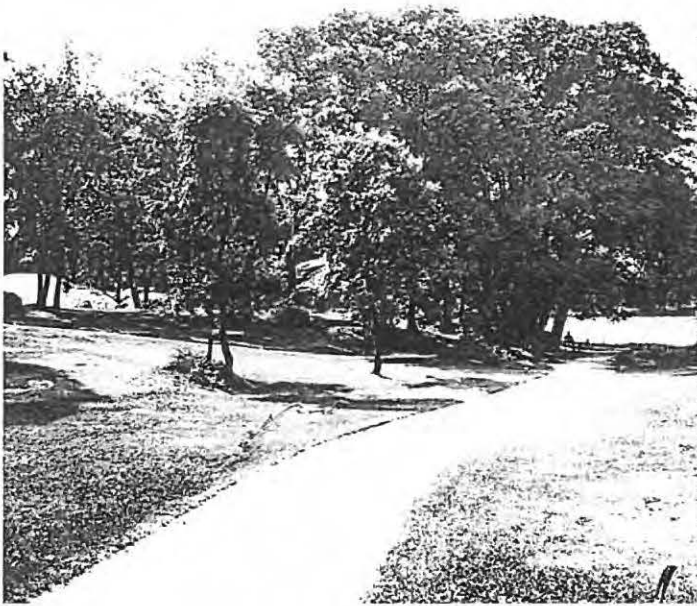
Dear Ms. Sheffner,

The attached postcards were collected during the Shattuck campus planning and continued until March 9, 2020, when COVID-19 changed everything. They were hand-delivered to Gov. Baker in batches. I don't know who has seen them, so I'm sharing with you.

I also don't know if there are file size limits for your e-mail. If this one is too large, I trust that it will bounce back, and then I'll re-send in smaller batches.

Thank you for thinking about this important issue.

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Thank you,
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RE: Redevelopment of Lemuel L. Shattuck Hospital, 170 Morton Street, Boston

Dear Ms. Sheffner:

Since its inception in 1969, **Pine Street Inn, Inc. (PSI)** has served Greater Boston's homeless through various responsive, community-based programs and services. PSI is the largest nonprofit homeless services agency in New England. Pine Street Inn provides food, clothing, shelter, day and night-time street-based outreach, access to health care, job training, affordable housing, and other critical resources for nearly **2,000** individuals each day and night at its **39** locations throughout Metropolitan Boston.

Pine Street Inn has successfully served homeless individuals with many disabilities and difficulties for over **50** years. Current emergency shelter locations include the Men's Inn, **Shattuck Shelter**, Women's Inn, and Holy Family Inn programs, which collectively include **670 beds** (pre-COVID). PSI emergency shelter facilities are all **low-threshold, low-barrier** environments; there are no requirements to receive services or emergency shelter and no limits to the length of stay. Together, these facilities provide two meals and overnight accommodation for up to 768 (including overflow beds) people experiencing homelessness and are open 365 days a year. PSI provided shelter for at least one night or outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals to an unduplicated count of **7,377** individuals throughout FY2020.

Since 1984, PSI has been developing and operating permanent affordable housing specifically for people experiencing homelessness. Pine Street Inn has developed housing and housing-based services specifically for persons living with disabilities, including mental illness, HIV/AIDS, chronic substance use disorder histories, dual diagnosis, and mobility limitations.

Please accept the following commentary from Pine Street Inn regarding the proposed Lemuel L. Shattuck Hospital Campus redevelopment process. **PSI operates both an emergency homeless shelter and a shelter-based Structured Outpatient Addictions Program (SOAP) on-site.** There is a **high need** for these services in the community, and Pine Street Inn expects to remain an integral partner on the Shattuck Campus.

A shelter for persons experiencing homelessness has been on the Shattuck Campus for decades. As the agency running the Shattuck Shelter, Pine Street Inn aims to ensure homelessness experiences are rare, brief, and one-time. While the need for shelter continues, PSI is also focusing on housing, the **solution to homelessness**.

The need for more permanent supportive housing is undeniable. Over **2,000** single adults live on the streets of Boston and stay in emergency shelters (*City of Boston 40th Annual Homeless Census*, City of Boston, January 2020, Boston.gov). Simultaneously, PSI Street Outreach Van contacts increased by **40%** from August 2019 to August 2020, and outreach contacts have increased **30%** through 2021.

Pine Street Inn's vision is a permanent home and community for everyone. However, there is an overwhelming lack of affordable supportive housing in Boston. The inclusion of new supportive housing in the Vision Plan and the RFP is a crucial, concrete action to ensure that people can exit homelessness and live stably and successfully into the future.

With this pressing need, Pine Street Inn ardently supports the **Early Start Area** concept on the Campus to allow development to advance on the supportive housing goal sooner rather than after the Hospital's relocation. PSI further recommends **separating the emergency shelter/supportive housing plan from the whole site development proposal**. It may be problematic to find a single developer for the entire site. If that is the case, it is crucial to ensure no delays to emergency shelter and housing.

Separation allows the necessary housing to proceed, circumventing delays due to the many issues of overall campus development. While the shelter/housing will be cohesive with the entire campus design, development should not wait for the full process.

Pine Street Inn also appreciates the Planning Principals that guided the discussions resulting in the Vision Plan. The Planning Principals included creating a **minimum of 75 to 100** units of permanent supportive housing. Pine Street Inn encourages the inclusion of a minimum number and requests that a baseline Program Element is the set minimum of 75 to 100 units.

The developers responding to the RFP will establish design, feasibility, and staffing patterns in their proposals. With the minimum number of units at 75 to 100, the developer will have the flexibility to propose, for example, a 3-story building with 40 units per floor – because that configuration may work for the best delivery of supportive services. Planning the structure and program to meet and exceed the needs of people formerly experiencing homelessness lays the foundation for long-term stability and permanent housing success.

The Shattuck Campus must be used for public health purposes. It has become a recognized principle that **housing is health care**. PSI's COVID experience in shelters and supportive housing

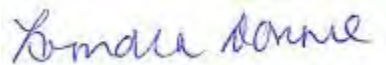
confirms that permanent housing is the superior option for health and safety. While PSI shelters initially experienced a COVID-positive rate of 36%, the positive rate never rose above 1% across PSI's permanent supportive housing portfolio. National data further supports this – people living in congregate shelter settings comprise **less than 1%** of the U.S. population, but **nearly 50% of coronavirus deaths** (*Housing is Healthcare: Challenges, Best Practices, and Policy Recommendations to Improve FEMA Programs to House People Experiencing Homelessness in Non-Congregate Shelters During the Pandemic*, National Low Income Housing Coalition, October 27, 2020, nlihc.org).

The Shattuck Campus site is the perfect setting for supportive housing with unique support services **enhanced health through interactions with nature**. Green space activities can co-exist and will augment and enrich the tenants' health and community.

As a **current service provider** on Campus, PSI recognizes the Shattuck Campus's redevelopment provides an unprecedented opportunity to create a person-centered, integrated public health and wellness community. Critical behavioral health systems can work together to promote the health of those who either live on the Campus or receive services there.

Pine Street Inn applauds the Commonwealth's commitment to an efficient and equitable process. We are in **full support** of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, seeking **approval** from the Asset Management Board to enter into a long-term lease for the Shattuck Campus in keeping with the Vision Plan of 2020.

Sincerely,



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My name is John Swan. I'm a resident of the Pondside neighborhood. I want to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

As a former reporter in JP for over 20 years I wrote about many homeless issues. I also met scores of people who struggled financially and emotionally with homelessness and mental health issues. When you meet these folks it can only break your heart.

After a year of this pandemic the need for mental health support is more important than ever. I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

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My name is Jean Capizzi and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain. I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. Every day, as I walk through my neighborhood and drive through surrounding communities, I see people who would benefit greatly from these services. We should not delay in implementing the Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan!

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Jean Capizzi
8 Newsome Park #2
Jamaica Plain MA 02130
jean.capizzi@gmail.com

From: [Elizabeth Bukey](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus Redevelopment
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:16:52 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Elizabeth Bukey and while I live in Malden, I serve and work at the First Church in Jamaica Plain, Unitarian Universalist. **I write today to express my personal strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

So many families in my congregation have been impacted by mental health challenges and addiction. We have lost young people to overdose and suicide. Some among us have also been housing insecure or lived on the streets. I field many requests for money from community members who are desperate to stay in stable housing but don't have the resources. I also volunteer at a local winter warming center and know how desperately needed stable, supportive housing is for people impacted by mental illness, trauma, addiction, physical health problems, and the violence of poverty. I'll also add that people experiencing homelessness deserve access to green space and beauty just as much as the rest of us.

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Sincerely,
Elizabeth Bukey

Rev. Elizabeth Bukey

Minister, First Church in Jamaica Plain, Unitarian Universalist
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From: [PETER SANBORN](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus Redevelopment
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 9:50:13 AM

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Ms. Sheffner,

I am writing to support the redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus in a manner that is substantially consistent with the Vision Plan. I attended the virtual April 13, 2021 public hearing. My support for the Campus' redevelopment is largely for the same reasons that were cited by the many supporters who spoke at the hearing.

Given the urgent need to translate the vision into action, I urge your office to examine how it may be possible to accelerate the timeline for the issuance of the RFP, the site's disposition, and the designation of a developer. As a resident of Boston and as someone who has been involved in an organization serving the homeless, I see first-hand how important this is.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Peter D. Sanborn
59 East Springfield Street
Boston
617.872.3304

From: [Sheila Townes](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Shattuck Campus Support
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 1:31:25 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus. There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Sheila Townes



Sheila Townes

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From: [Brian Hayes](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus support
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:55:58 AM

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Thank you.
Brian Hayes

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Thank you
Brian
203-427-5376

From: [Judy Foster](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck campus vision.
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 7:33:56 AM

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To: State Asset Management Board
Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision

Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state.

Thank you

Judy Foster
22 Worcester Square #2
Boston, MA. 02118

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Maruta Augis](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:47:32 AM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice my support of the State's vision to consider redevelopment of the Shattuck campus for supportive and transitional housing. This is in hope's to alleviate the issues I have viewed in the Newmarket and "recovery road" area, esp. unhoused persons and plainly visible drug use.

Thank you,

Maruta

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Maruta Augis

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From: [James O'Leary](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Shattuck campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:28:06 AM

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Thank you.

James OLeary,
Paul Revere Transportation

From: [Charles Ford](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: ssullivan@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Shattuck Campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:25:14 AM

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Thank you.

Charles Ford
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From: [Michael McFadyen](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Shattuck Campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:25:07 AM

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Thank you.

Michael McFadyen

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From: [Joel B. Miller](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:20:25 AM

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Thank you.

Joel Miller

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From: [June](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 9:06:49 PM

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To: State Asset Management Board Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state. Thank you Name June Sugarman Address 285 Columbus Ave, Boston, Ma 02116

From: [Victoria Skomial](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:55:54 PM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Victoria Skomial

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Victoria Skomial vskomial@gmail.com

From: [Marcia Khan](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: SHATTUCK CAMPUS
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:22:19 AM

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Thank you.

Salami's Truck Center Inc

Marcia Salami Khan
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d/b/a Salami Isuzu Trucks
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Marcia@salamisisuzu.com

From: info@americannutandchocolate.com
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Sue Sullivan](#)
Subject: Shattuck Facility
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:44:07 PM

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Dear Loryn,

My name is Robert Novack and I am one of the owners of American Nut & Chocolate, Inc.

I am emailing you today to voice my support for the State's vision of the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston.

This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services.

I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you,

Robert

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From: [Weinstein David](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Future
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:08:24 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My wife and I have been a residents of Jamaica Plain since 1978. Our son attended the Shattuck Day Care from 1988 to 1991. I want to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all citizens.

Thank you,

David J. Weinstein
24 Kingsboro Pk
Jamaica Plain MA 02130

From: [Christopher Grace & Kathleen Roberts](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Hosp
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:24:10 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner:

We support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM, the work of the Community Advisory Board, and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. We have seen the problem day and night around our home virtually non-stop, for years now, so we support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. Please do not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christopher Grace
Kathleen Roberts

57 East Concord St
Boston

From: [Michele Sinunu](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Hospital - support for retaining mental and behavioral health services on the current Shattuck site
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 9:25:41 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner --

My husband and I are Jamaica Plain residents and we support retaining housing and behavioral health services at the current Shattuck hospital location. These services are desperately needed and it seem unwise to concentrate so many of the city's services in this area in one location (South End/Melnea Cass area). The proximity to the beautiful green space of Franklin Park could aid recovery, as can the geographic distance from the many problems near BMC. Using the Arborway bus yard as a new site for these services seems unrealistic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Michele Sinunu & Nick Menzies
JP, MA

From: gsjmurphy@gmail.com
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Hospital closure
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:23:23 AM

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Ms. Sheffner,

I write to urge DCAM to consider the Arborway Yard in Jamaica Plain as an alternative site to building on the existing Shattuck Hospital footprint.

It's a prime location for the services currently provided at the Shattuck Hospital and for the planned for housing.

Thank you.

Gregory Murphy

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Gregory Murphy](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Hospital closure
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 7:58:40 PM

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Thank you.

Gregory Murphy

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From: [Harry Smith](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Hospital comments
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 9:48:59 AM

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I have lived in Jamaica Plain in the Forest Hills neighborhood since 1995. My family and I have been active users of Franklin Park for many years, from sports to the zoo to just enjoying nature. My kids were also in the Shattuck childcare center for several years.

I am strongly in favor of the Vision Plan for the Shattuck Hospital presented at the community meeting on 4/13. It strikes a good balance between maintaining important services and supportive housing and paying attention to open spaces and the connection to the park.

A few points:

1) This process was not perfect but it represents more than a year's worth of meetings and dialogue to try to get to agreement about the future of the Shattuck site. All voices were heard in this process. I sincerely hope DCAMM will honor the process that you led and not be distracted by a last-minute push to delay or derail the vision plan.

2) This plan represents the kind of cross-neighborhood cooperation that we all talk about wanting to see, especially between the South End and JP/Mattapan. Our community is saying yes to moving some of the services from the South End to the Shattuck. If more communities stepped up and recognized that the challenges of homelessness, mental health, and addiction are problems that affect all our neighborhoods, then resources and services would be more equitably distributed across the city and metro region.

3) I spent many years organizing around the Arborway Yard with hundreds of other neighbors, to make sure that development of the site includes significant community benefits, including affordable housing, green space, and commercial uses. I am hopeful that this vision will come to fruition one day, but in the meantime it is misleading and disingenuous for opponents of the Shattuck plan to suggest that a simple solution would be to move proposed housing and services to the Arborway site. Creating a false equivalency between the 13 acre Shattuck site and the 6 acres of MBTA land on a working bus depot that one day will be developed is an argument that I trust and hope that DCAMM will reject out of hand.

Thank you for all your work in guiding the process. Please keep it moving forward without further delay.

Sincerely,

Harry Smith

55 Eastland Rd.

Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

From: [Sharon Malt](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Hospital project
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:21:25 PM

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Dear Ms Sheffner,

I write as a resident of Boston and a committed park advocate to encourage your department to shift your gaze to the Arborway Bus Lot in order to preserve precious parkland and establish a much better location for the Shattuck Hospital project. I join with many other park advocates in asking you to commit to a proper process for consideration of more appropriate sites for this facility.

Sincerely,

Sharon Malt

Beacon Hill Garden Club (former president)

Conservation Law Foundation (Trustee)

Esplanade Association (former president)

From: [Kate Kelley](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Hospital redevelopment
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:02:21 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

I am Catherine (Kate) Kelley and I live at 1044 South Street, Unit 2, Roslindale. I am writing today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

A friend of ours had a period of drug rehab at the Shattuck in 2020. The services were good. When I went to visit him there some of the residents of the shelter housing program were sitting outside, enjoying the views of Franklin Park in the good weather. The mixture of services are well situated in that area: at the edge of, but part of Franklin Park. The 13 acre campus would be ideal for development of 75-100 supportive housing units, so that there is adequate space for the units.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. **The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.**

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. It is a much smaller area and the MBTA has been reluctant, for over 20 years, to hand over any of its space for affordable housing and green space.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,
Catherine (Kate) Kelley,

1044 South Street, Unit 2,
Roslindale, MA 02131

From: [CLAY HARPER](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Hospital site public comment
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:46:33 AM

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I am an avid daily user of Franklin Park, a longtime Jamaica Plain resident, and a citizen deeply engaged with the Emerald Necklace parks and redevelopment issues in the Forest Hills and Arborway neighborhoods. I've also researched extensively the history and legacy of the Shattuck site as well as current best practices for the myriad communities it has served.

It seems to me that the question of "what to do with the Shattuck site" has been overly focused on the site itself rather than on what is best for the patients and clients the Commonwealth hopes to serve. Since the Supreme Court's 1999 "Olmstead Decision" and subsequent court expansion of the principles it lays out, best practice has shifted to providing services in the "least restrictive and most integrated settings" possible, within the communities such clients hope to re-enter successfully. Isolating such services and clients "out of sight and out of mind" in a corner of Franklin Park seems to me to be far closer to a 19th Century model - when patients were warehoused in isolated settings - than to a 21st Century integration model.

Siting such services and clients within the surrounding community, closer to the Forest Hills transit hub, closer to the daily life of a vibrant neighborhood would be in the best interests of the clients. It would lead to better health outcomes for them through reduced isolation, and would provide better access for employees, suppliers and care providers. Fortunately there is an underdeveloped Commonwealth-owned site in the area that can provide all that: the Arborway Yard site, which has provided "temporary" bus services and blighted but sufficient acreage for more than two decades.

I urge authorities to reconfigure their current thinking: start with a Best Health Outcomes focus rather than the current "What to do with the Site" model. Think of ways to provide a more humane and less isolated provision of service. Before granting 99 year leases, consider what is in the long-term best interest of the clients, the service providers, and the

surrounding community.

And work hand-in-hand with other state and city agencies (MBTA, Boston Parks, and more) to provide an integrated, comprehensive solution that truly serves all - clients, providers, park users and the surrounding community.

Thank you,

Clayton Harper

Jamaica Plain, MA

From: [NANCY Frane](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Hospital site redevelopment
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 8:58:16 AM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

I am writing in support of the affordable housing/social services based redevelopment plan for the Shattuck Hospital site. The transfer of Shattuck services to Boston Medical Center provides a rare opportunity for Boston to provide much needed housing and a location for social services. As an advocate for green space, I note that this area is surrounded by green space and that the plans I saw at the meeting I attended included provision for additional green space.

I urge you to support the community plan for affordable housing and social services at the Shattuck Hospital site.

Thank you,
Nancy Frane
38 Southbourne Rd.
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

From: [Elena Saporta](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Hospital Site
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 3:46:57 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

I am among of the majority of speakers at DCAMM's public meeting of April 13th who expressed the desire to have the Shattuck Hospital site, "**Heathfield**" restored as public parkland and returned to Franklin Park from which it was divorced over 70 years ago. Now is the time to right a past wrong!

Locating marginalized members of society in remote settings, (out of sight/out of mind), is a nineteenth century concept that has long been dispelled. Arguments against isolating members of society should prove difficult for anyone from a current perspective to refute. In fact, in 1999, the Supreme Court came out with a ruling, coincidentally titled, the "**Olmstead Act**," - (under the American With Disabilities Act), that asserts the following:

1. "Institutional placement of persons who can handle and benefit from community settings perpetuates unwarranted assumptions that persons so isolated are incapable of or unworthy of participating in community life."

2. "Confinement in an institution severely diminishes the everyday life activities of individuals, including family relations, social contacts, work options, economic independence, educational advancement, and cultural enrichment."

The humane thing to do is to integrate people into society, with access to transit, urban amenities and job opportunities.

Finally, I would be remiss not to mention that the April 13th DCAMM meeting was the least public public meeting I have ever attended. The pandemic has made zoom the obligatory communication option for such gatherings. However, given the constraints inherent to the zoom format, why were certain zoom features not enabled? DCAMM members' videos were turned on while the video functions for participants were disabled, effectively turning the 'public' into a faceless, dehumanized mass. Another zoom detail: The participants' list (250 people in all) was not made visible to attendees. By my count, 48 people spoke and identified themselves - who were the 202 others? Can the full participant list, as well as meeting notes and the comments that were posted in the Q&A be made public and distributed to those in attendance?

In closing, may the voices of reason and humanity prevail!

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Elena Saporta, ASLA, LEED AP

From: [Carol Bell](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: shattuck housing
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:53:23 AM
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,
hello, please find my letter attached in support of the housing project for the Shattuck space at Franklin Park,
Carol L Bell, LICSW

Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Carol L Bell and I am a resident of Hyde Park. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

I am a social worker who lives in Boston, and works at Brookside Community Health Center, this housing is crucial for the care of my neighbors, my clients, my friends. I work with many clients who have mental health and substance abuse problems, as well as face the problem of homelessness.

In my experience, as some of them are FINALLY housed they start to slowly get better. Once we offer basic human needs to humans, like a warm, safe place to live, they start to be curious about valuing their lives, and taking their own health more seriously. We all sleep better knowing our neighbors have the care they deserve.

How nice for housing to be offered near Franklin Park, the quiet and beauty would offer such peace and solace for these new residents.

Fortunately, Boston has developed strong civic-mindedness around the crucial needs of housing and behavioral health services. When the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to consensus on a Vision Plan.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden, increasing folks ability to care for their diet and their health by working in the outdoors, in a garden with other neighbors from outside of this housing situation.

Importantly, while the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, they participated in the planning process and ultimately **supported** the Vision Plan.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is not practical, and too late in the process. This plan for the 13-acre space has taken enough time, lots of folks were involved, and agreed. And why would we want to offer our

most vulnerable neighbors such an ugly, noisy place for housing. The land that has been proposed is beautiful, quiet and offers such a good spot to create housing, a place for folks to feel settled and safe. for housing people.

Those in favor of “returning the land to the park” seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted’s 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. **I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community’s 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.**

Sincerely,

Carol L Bell, LICSW
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Hyde Park, Ma 02136

clb5208@gmail.com

From: [Julia Koehler](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan comment
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Loryn Sheffner
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

As a Jamaica Plain resident, I'm writing to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical Center in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus. Housing and mental health are linked crises that we see play out on Mass Ave/Melnea Cass Boulevard every day. Anything that can be done to address these crises, should be done.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. The Arborway Yard does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

We should fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Julia Koehler, MD
92 Dunster Road
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

From: [Karen Sama](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
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Good evening Mx. Sheffner,

I hope you and yours have been well through this year of great tumult!

I'm writing in support of the Shattuck Plan. In thinking about the relative benefits of just a little more parkland versus stable housing and support systems for some of Boston's most vulnerable people, the choice to me is clear.

Franklin Park is already so ample and beautiful and the Shattuck does not detract from it in the least. If anything, its existence and locations speaks strongly of civic values we should be proud of. Rather than pretend that deep and difficult issues don't affect our fellow citizens by moving those individuals experiencing crises out of sight, we recognize that those same people deserve the benefit of having stable housing, deserve to be a part of the community and the city, and deserve to live in a place that is beautiful and reflects their worth as human beings.

To move the Shattuck out of Franklin Park would seem like "greenwashing" the issues that they face, moving the individuals served there elsewhere so that "genteel" park goers don't have to think about or interact with them.

What is more important than stable housing and recovery services? I appreciate the beauty, history, and biodiversity of Franklin Park, but there is no landscape architecture or habitat gain that could compare to meeting those fundamental needs. Even Frederick Law Olmsted recognized that all the work he put into designing the parks was meant to serve human needs and emotions. "Service must precede art" he said, premising all his choices on how they would affect and create a nurturing and relaxing environment for the people that passed into them.

This last year has shown that we are all more vulnerable than we think, and that it is important to be able to rely on those who care about us. Let's make sure we continue to care for our fellow humans and provide them with as much safety, service, and stability as we can. And beauty too! Lest it become a luxury for the few.

Thanks very much for your time and consideration.

Best,
Karen

From: [LAURA EDELSTEIN](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
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We will be judged by how we treat the needy and infirm. I put my vote for the shattuck for housing. Laura Edelstein

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joana M. Abreu](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Joana Abreu and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

[If you have one, you can share a story about someone you know who has struggled with homelessness, mental health, or substance abuse challenges]

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing, and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Joana Abreu
19 Rosemary St, 02130 MA

From: [Martha Merson](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
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I'm writing in support of the plan for social services to continue to be delivered on the land that the Shattuck currently occupies.

Martha Merson

From: [Ellen Tibby](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Ellen Tibby and I live in the old Brewery District of JP. I use all parts of the Emerald Necklace - walking regularly around Ward Pond and Jamaica Pond and in the Arboretum and Franklin Park and driving with pleasure in every season along the J'way and Arborway.

But today I am writing to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus. Boston needs to share its beauty with everyone, and especially, in my view, with those who may not have had as much beauty in their lives as some of the rest of us. How wonderful, for example, that current Shattuck folks have such ready access to Scarboro Pond all year long!

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Thank you.

Most sincerely,
Ellen Tibby

From: [Denise Monks](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
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Supportive housing needs to stay in the plan
for the Shattuck campus development. Denise Monks

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dave and Karen](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Dave and Karen Hinch](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
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We've visited Shattuck many times with our parish, played softball for years on Shattuck Field, hike and bike and go to concerts in Franklin Park. We treasure it all. Please save the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment Plan. No need for a new plan. No need to transfer the land to the Park.

Dave and Karen Hinch
Roslindale

From: [Erin DeCurtis](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:06:21 AM

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Loryn,

I am writing to ask you to reconsider the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment Plan that had initially been developed to focus on providing housing for those currently without it and mental health support for those who need it. These are desperately critical needs in Boston, as I am sure you know, and are only exacerbated by the pandemic. Franklin Park is critical green space for the city *and* the revised plan adds only marginal greenspace while sending plans for housing and mental health facilities back to the drawing board.

Please support the plan to develop the Shattuck Campus into much needed housing and mental health supports.

All the best,

Dr. Erin DeCurtis
15 year JP Resident and Homeowner

From: [M. Elizabeth Cinquino](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:39:22 AM

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Dear Loryn,

I am writing in defense of the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment Plan.

Boston is in dire

need for more beds for treatment and recovery especially for those who have experienced homelessness.

I am not just a neighbor in Jamaica Plain but a licensed social worker who understands the significance of

how a program like this could change the lives of so many people in need.

Please stick to the plan that has

been vetted by Franklin Park advocates, representatives of neighborhood associations, housing advocates,

individuals who have experienced homelessness, people in recovery, and city and state officials.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

M. Elizabeth Cinquino, LICSW

100 Morton Street

Jamaica Plain

From: [Linda Olmstead](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Linda Olmstead and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain, Forest Hill area across the street from Franklin Park.

I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus. Living close to Franklin Park I walk there frequently and also walk in Forest Hills Cemetery and the Arboretum and the Southwest Corridor, all within a few minutes walk from Franklin Park. The Emerald Conservancy's campaign to return 100% of the land to parkland rather than allow 2% to be used for critically needed housing and services is unwise and unnecessary. Franklin Park is surrounded by other green spaces available to all, and having supportive housing and other services on a small part of the Park will have little or no impact on the public's access to green space.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

I have family members who struggle with substance abuse and housing challenges and know that supportive housing is crucial for recovery.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8

acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Linda Olmstead
41 Morton Street
Jamaica Plain, MA

From: [Timothy Reardon](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
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Loryn,

I am a neighbor of Franklin Park, a longtime JP resident, and a member of the Egleston Square Main Street Board of Directors.

I am writing to express my strong support for the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment Plan.

The plan was developed through extensive engagement of many different stakeholders, and is designed to balance improvement of Franklin Park with the dire need for housing and supportive services in our community.

I am sorely disappointed in my neighbors' attempt to derail this plan with a fanciful concept for locating the facility at Arborway Yard, an idea which is unrealistic if not downright disingenuous.

Thank you for all the work that DCAMM has done to advance this plan. I hope it can move forward quickly to help our fellow Bostonians so in need of housing and supportive services.

Sincerely,

Tim Reardon
70 Montebello Road, Jamaica Plain

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Hello Loryn,

I attended the Shattuck redevelopment presentation this evening and am supportive of the plan/project presented. We very much need shelter housing, and substance abuse services. I envision this campus to be a sanctuary for the needy; almost spa-like and sorene for those seeking services and really wanting to get their life back on track. My hope is the campus will be properly maintained on all levels and services rendered will be taken very, very seriously with the best staff on all levels.

Lastly, I'd really like to share this information with my colleagues at the BPDA. Could you send me a pdf version of the presentation please? Or tell me where I can find it.

Thank you.

Be well,



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From: [Susan Cibulsky](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
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Dear Loryn,

My name is Susan Cibulsky and I live on Rossmore Road in the Stonybrook Neighborhood of Jamaica Plain. I am writing to express my strong support for the state's current proposal for redevelopment of the Shattuck campus. The shelter, behavioral health services, and a large number of new units of supportive housing are urgently needed. Location of the housing units, as well as keeping the shelter, at the edge of Franklin Park seems to me to provide the great benefit to residents of a massive green space, recreation area, and fresh air right outside their doors that is open and welcoming to all. The improvements to Franklin Park planned by the City of Boston will be beautiful and I do not see the park suffering for not reclaiming the land on which Shattuck sits. I attended a meeting earlier in the process hosted by the state and attended by representatives of several stakeholder groups (I think they were part of an advisory committee). At that meeting I sensed that there was a very thoughtful, well-informed planning process occurring in which important stakeholders (e.g., experts in behavioral health and other support for homeless populations) were very engaged and supportive. At this point, the process is very far along and I trust that the proposal led by this group is a strong one. I also not convinced that the MBTA's Arborway bus yard is a viable option for relocation of the Shattuck services and facilities.

I urge the state to proceed with its proposal for Shattuck redevelopment at the current site. Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Cibulsky

From: [Lincoln Larmond](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Redevelopment Plan Comments
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Hi Loryn,

My name is Lincoln Larmond. How are you? I am/was a member of the Shattuck CAB. Please see attached a letter for public comment regarding the Shattuck redevelopment. Thanks.

Lincoln

Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

April 22, 2021

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Lincoln Larmond and I am a resident of Mattapan. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

- The need for behavioral health services reached critical mass a long time ago and are at an astronomical high
- The so call Methadone mile along Mass Ave and Melnea Cass Blvd is a visible testament to the crisis
- The argument for using Arborway yard as an alternative is a canard – it is disingenuous and ill-informed
- The fact remains there is an existing MOU (signed in 2001) between the MBTA and the City/Jamaica Plain for 8 acres to be used for affordable housing, green space, and commercial space (the rest of the space will be used by the MBTA) – something that has been a boondoggle for 2 decades
- The MBTA is and has been in a constant state of financial peril, has no alternative place to site the buses currently sited at the Arborway yard, and if the organization was to sell the property it would be to the highest bidder who the current trend of development in Boston would certainly predict market-rate housing being developed on the property – does anyone really believe that such a development and potential buyers of the units would consider behavioral health services, supportive housing, and a shelter adjacent to or integrated with the development – this is pure fantasy that merely attempts to give the appearance to those opposed to supportive housing on the Shattuck grounds that they care about the loss of critical needs services to a vulnerable population who their decision would unquestionably kick out of services into the very unforgiving streets they are trying to escape without a lifeline – this is not hyperbole but simply the natural outcome of relying on or championing Arborway yard as an alternative – it is pure fantasy
- The State's Preliminary Project Proposal is an attempt to address a pandemic crisis across the City of Boston. I was a member of the Shattuck Community Advisory Board (CAB) who met over several months with the planners. My focus, as it was for many, was how

to best integrate the park while considering key stakeholders: recreational users, those receiving behavioral health services, and open and green space enthusiasts. The CAB was comprised of membership from all stakeholders that use the park. And while I am a housing advocate, all of us, despite our affiliations, invested a lot of energy focusing on how to best integrate the park while prioritizing and enhancing the green space that is such a wonderful resource and a true asset for our city. I believed we could do that and did do that while honoring a commitment the State made to maintaining and enhancing desperately needed services the Shattuck provides to an increasingly vulnerable population.

- The City of Boston needs more behavioral health treatment not less – not having enough is both a public health and a public safety issue – lack of supportive treatment and services leads to escalation of stressors that can easily manifest in violence or other maladaptive behaviors putting all of society and society's infrastructure at risk.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all. Such a plan ensures that everyone wins and no one loses.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Larmond
9 Hiawatha Road
Mattapan, MA 02126
ishigoto@aol.com

From: [Shirronda Almeida](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Shirronda Almeida and I am a long time resident (20+years) of Jamaica Plain, Forest Hills neighborhood **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

We need to keep our commitments to the most vulnerable, the unhoused Boston residents, by providing more opportunities for treatment and supportive housing. I see that need every day from Forest Hills to Downtown Crossing.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

I learned recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. They should not interrupt a democratic community processes. It's an equity issue and their concerns should not overrule a diverse and inclusive community process. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Shirronda Almeida
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Shirronda@gmail.com

From: [James Michel](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus. I was a full participant in the series of public meetings that were integral to the development of the current plan. I thought the process was thorough and inclusive.

I support this proposal because it will address the dire and urgent need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. I spent my professional life trying to improve the publicly-funded system of mental health and substance abuse care. Throughout history we have underfunded services to marginalized populations struggling with mental illness and addiction. This plan is a step in the right direction.

I am sympathetic to the arguments to restore the current 13 acres to park space, as advanced by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. Unfortunately the Arborway Yard is neither a viable, or timely solution. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus. The necklace is still a jewel of our city, even without this small slice that was repurposed 70 years ago. And let us keep in mind the fact that Olmstead himself considered the purpose of Franklin Park to be one of public health.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

James O. Michel, Chair
Social Justice Action Committee
First Church in Jamaica Plain Unitarian Universalist
resident of Hyde Park

From: [Pattie McCormick](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Redevelopment
Date: Saturday, April 17, 2021 5:32:27 PM
Attachments: [shattuckpersonalletterofsupport.docx](#)

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Please accept my attached letter of support for the Redevelopment of Shattuck.

Best,

Pattie McCormick

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

April 17, 2021

TO: State Asset Management Board
Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate

RE: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision

Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city of the station.

As a close neighbor of MASS/CASS, I see the suffering each day. The Shattuck would provide relief to folks like those you see on Mass and Cass – who come from all over the state, and beyond. The Shattuck would provide much needed comprehensive services and housing for some of these residents.

Sincerely,

Pattie McCormick
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Andrew Square – South Boston

From: [Deborah Block](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck redevelopment
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:02:45 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Deborah Block and I both work and live in Jamaica Plain. I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

As a licensed clinical psychologist who since 1992 has worked with people with serious mental illness, histories of severe trauma, and substance abuse issues, I am deeply aware of the need for behavioral health services and housing supports for these populations. I also had a child attend the child care center at Shattuck many years ago where she had an amazing experience of growth, safety and exposure to diversity. I hope the child care center will once again be able to relocate to the Shattuck.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

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From: [Emily Wheeler](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck redo
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Hi Loryn,

As a person who lives nearby, I feel that placing a large facility for people with housing issues too far from public transportation is a bad idea. Something should be built where the MTA busyard is. The small place at the top of my street - the Stacy Kilpatrick house - works but it is reasonably sized. People need green space but more importantly, access to ways to move around.

From: [Bowen-Leopold, Jonathan \(DMH\)](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Bowen-Leopold, Jonathan \(DMH\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Shelter - a good idea
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:19:20 PM

Hi!

Good community discussions!

We are worried about how to best help people discharged from MH hospitals to the street.

Shattuck Shelter has good recovery services and human rights.

Free meals and free shelter are good, and really help people's futures.

Not worrying about a treatment bill, and having a coffee and cigarette with staff and other people in recovery are very helpful.

We should have a lot more help like Shattuck Shelter offered free!

Thanks,

Jonathan



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From: [Samantha Montaño](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Kathy Brown](#); [Giovanny Valencia](#)
Subject: Shattuck Site Comment
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:16:47 AM

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Hello,

Please accept this comment for the Shattuck Site:

As someone who lives, works, and volunteers in Jamaica Plain, the importance of Franklin Park and the Shattuck are not lost on me. The huge green space we are fortunate to abut allows for community, exercise, and escape into nature. However, since the closing of the Long Island Bridge, the City and State have not done enough to provide supportive services to folks in recovery or in the midst of substance use. The Shattuck is an essential place and provides services for populations impacted by our lack of investment in their well-being. Housing is an important part of a person's well-being as well. We live in an unaffordable city and the reflection of our lack of investment in people is apparent. The JP/Rox corridor has recently been developed in high numbers and unfortunately the amount of affordable housing was abysmal. The one development that would provide supportive housing is undergoing a lawsuit right now. The state must make amends for this affordable housing oversight that has allowed developers to privilege profit over community.

A city is not a collection of buildings or open spaces. It is a community of people. Our community is stronger when we take care of people who need support. Our community exists because of these people. JP's diversity has already been diminished because of lack of accessible and affordable housing. People literally cannot afford to live here. The Shattuck site should not be returned to the park and we should quickly and urgently develop supportive and affordable housing as well as continue providing services.

Thank you,

Sam Montaño

Samantha Montaño

(Pronouns: She, her, hers)

Senior Neighborhood Organizer

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From: [Emily Berg](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck site
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:34:41 PM

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PLEASE don't listen to the Emerald Necklace Conservancy on this issue! The few acres of the Shattuck site would not add much to Franklin Park, and would greatly improve facilities to help poor, homeless, addicted people whose options are already severely limited. I LOVE Franklin Park; I live near it and walk in it almost every day. But I want to share it with people in need. It is horrible to use people's love for our Emerald Necklace in order to deny help to those who need it.

Emily Berg

Sent from my iPhone

From: [eRocio Castillo](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck State Hospital Campus Proposal
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 4:06:20 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Rocio Castillo and I am a resident of Hyde Park. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

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I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Rocio Castillo

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Hyde Park MA 02136

From: [Kieffer, Thomas](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:02:23 PM

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The supportive housing and recovery services are so needed! It would be a travesty if after all the planning, time, effort, and resources that went into building this plan, we turn around and head in a different direction.

I know the ENC thinks it would be really cool to get the 13 acres back and be true to Olmstead's vision, but there has to be a balancing of the benefits that would accrue vs the benefits of the current state plan. It's not even a close call. I am an advocate for green space but in this case, the compelling human need is so much greater. Our former governors are far removed from the people who need this development to happen. Those of us who work in health care see the life and death need for our patients and our fellow residents of Boston.

Thank you,

Tom Kieffer, MPH (he, his)
Executive Director
Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center
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From: [Lee Reid](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Shattuck
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:12:18 AM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus. There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you,

Lee Reid

Lee Reid

Chief Executive

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From: [samuel.plimpton](#)
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Subject: Shattuck/ Arborway
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:25:18 AM

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Dear Ms Sheffner,

Please analyze the clear advantages of using the Arborway site for the program, versus restoration of the Emerald Necklace at the Shattuck site. The value of open space has never been greater, and the State must not miss the opportunity to restore former parkland. The Arborway site has obvious transport, user density, and access advantages.

Sincerely

Samuel Plimpton
Boston Resident

Sent from an iPhone, excuse the typos

From: [Shaya French](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck's services and supportive housing
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:34:22 AM

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Hello Ms. Sheffner,

I am a Jamaica Plain resident and I'm writing to oppose the proposal to move the Shattuck's services and the proposed supportive housing to the Arborway Yard. I am concerned that the land would never be transferred over and we would lose the services and housing.

I have loved ones who are in recovery from addiction and living in poverty. Our city needs so many more supports and housing than is being suggested and we can't stand to lose the amount proposed in this plan.

Thank you so much for the work you do,

Shaya French
13 Orchard St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

From: [Sheldon Lloyd](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: State Hospital Grounds & City Fresh Foods
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 7:53:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. There is also not enough affordable commercial real estate for long term local small and minority companies like City Fresh Foods. City Fresh is an minority employee owned company, that employs 152 majority Boston residents. We are a Community Feeding Food Service Company; supplying meals for Boston's seniors, students, young children and families in need.

City Fresh Foods believes in improved health and economic development for the underdeveloped and lower income communities as our number one priority and mission.

I believe there a strong link in food, mental health and jobs in our community. City Fresh would to be interested partnering in the project if feasible, the combination of food health and mental health services would be a natural fit.

The City and State has invested intensely housing as a priority in Boston but not health and jobs for the Boston Roxbury/Dorchester community. City Fresh Foods would be a great partner in building a sustainable health and service community in the Shaddock Location on the historic, grand and beautiful Franklin Park.

I would love to discuss further at your convenience.

Sincerely,
Sheldon

Sheldon Lloyd
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City Fresh Foods
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[WBZ Channel 4: City Fresh Foods](#)



From: [Michelle De Oliveira](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: State's vision for the Shattuck campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:30:49 PM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus. There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Michelle De Oliveira
Accounting Manager



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From: [Drew DeRose](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Roger Savonen](#)
Subject: State's vision for the Shattuck campus- please read.
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:46:07 AM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus. I have lived on East Springfield Street for 20 years. As a resident, the decline in our quality of life is a direct link to not having enough supportive housing and treatment options available in Boston, for those in need.

This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services.

I strongly support and endorse this project. This will help the people in need AND the community living around the BMC campus.

Thank you.

Drew DeRose
53 E. Springfield Street

From: illia@bos-ua.com
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: State's vision for the Shattuck campus
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Dear Loryn,

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There are not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Silvia Illia-Sheldahl, LEED AP
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From: [Grainne Coen](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:43:47 PM

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To: State Asset Management Board

Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate

Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision

Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state.

Thank you

Grainne Coen

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From: [pat feeley](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for continued public health uses on Shattuck campus
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 9:46:22 PM
Attachments: [Shattuck testimony - Patricia Feeley and others.docx](#)

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Dear Ms. Lauryn Sheffer,

This letter is written in strong support of the current proposal for future development of the Shattuck Campus site as presented at an on-line meeting of 4/13/2021. I am writing on behalf of myself and the **over 40 neighbors below**, most of whom are long-term Boston residents and appreciative users of Franklin Park.

My name is Patricia Feeley. I live at 69 Paul Gore Street, Jamaica Plain. I am 50-year resident of Jamaica Plain, most of that time as a community health nurse in Jamaica Plain /Roxbury. I have had patients, friends, and relatives who have dramatically benefitted from the services on Shattuck Campus. As a public health person, I know how important decent housing is to health, so we are especially glad to learn of the substantial amount of supportive housing included in this proposed project. Both as a nurse, and as a local resident, i am proud to have been involved in the development of the Bowditch School and the Blessed Sacrament Campus, both of which continue to include very successful supportive housing.

Regarding the housing issue, of particular importance to note:

- In June 2020, MIT & City Life/Vida Urbana did a report: [Evictions in Boston: The Disproportionate Effects of Forced Moves on Communities of Color](#). Over 2/3 (70%) of market-rate eviction filings are in census tracts where the majority of residents are people of color.
- In the city of Boston, there are over 10,000 individuals that experience homelessness each year. The state has identified a need for over 3,300 supportive housing units in Eastern Massachusetts.
- Black and Latinx persons have a higher likelihood of experiencing homelessness than non-Latinx White persons, according to the City of Boston's Assessment of Fair Housing
- We now know that connecting people with housing first is crucial for recovery from mental health and/or substance abuse struggles. Without stable and supportive housing, people end up in the ER or in an inpatient unit, which is worse for them and more costly for all of us.

As someone who also lives close to Curley House, the new home of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, I am disappointed that the ENC is creating a false and unnecessary conflict by insisting that 13 acres designated for public health be added to the 526 acres of Franklin Park. Of course, I realize the value of parks and I support increasing green space in Boston, but not at any cost. The marginal difference these

acres would make to Franklin Park is dwarfed by the impact of the proposed recovery campus on the lives of Boston residents and their families.

I also believe ANY proposal that these Public Health services be located at Arborway Bus Yard as an alternative site **is totally unrealistic for anytime in near future**. A look at the history of attempts to develop this space for community use shows the many difficulties and barriers involved. There are many excellent ways the Arborway Yard can be developed when and if it is freed for development, but to allow that eventual possibility to sabotage the current proposal would be foolish. The energy of many Boston residents who have been concerned about green space has been used to work collaboratively with State over recent months and years, to ensure that the green space promised in the current proposal is effectively incorporated into the new site, and I hope that work will continue.

In the 50's Mayor Curley and other officials designated this piece of land for public health use. This was because they understood the needs of THAT time. Again, TODAY, because of the needs of THIS time, OUR time, it is crucial that we continue the current and expanded health use of this site. Tuberculosis was one of the big public health issues in the '50's. Today we have multiple scourges, not just COVID-19, but the related increase in homelessness, job loss, opioid addiction and racism. To encourage diverting 13 acres of land that are crucial to the health of so many people AND therefore of the community at large, would certainly be a loss to the city.

Thank you for your attention and any support you can provide for this urgent matter.

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From: [Tricia Brennan](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: mayor@boston.gov; matt.omalley@boston.gov
Subject: support for current plan to redevelop Shattuck Campus
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:53:03 AM

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April 23.2021

Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms Sheffner:

I am a long-time Jamaica Plain resident writing in support of the plan to redevelop the Shattuck Campus to include affordable housing for people struggling with addiction and mental health issues.

This plan has been created with the input from many people, including stakeholders, and the support of many organizations, including the Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center and the Franklin Park Coalition. The community has worked for years to come up with a comprehensive plan that has widespread support.

The late in the game effort to block this plan should not hold sway.

I am an ardent lover of the natural world and often enjoy Franklin Park and all parts of Olmstead's Emerald Necklace. And I am a strong supporter of the right for safe and affordable housing for all.

We know that it is impossible for people of low income or no income to afford to live in market rate housing. We know that support services plus affordable housing for our neighbors with substance abuse and mental health challenges can help ensure a stable life. Sometimes those two things- an affordable home and supportive services- is the difference between life and death.

Frederick Law Olmsted wrote that *"the enjoyment of scenery employs the mind without fatigue and yet exercises it; tranquilizes it and yet enlivens it; and thus...gives refreshing rest and reinvigoration to the whole system."* How good it would be for our neighbors who haven't had the easiest of lives to have secure housing, support for their needs, and the enlivening

and refreshing rest of Franklin Park steps away.

Rev. Tricia Brennan

Jamaica Plain.

From: [Kat Callard](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Redevelopment of Shattuck campus
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:58:37 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Kat Callard and I am a resident of Roslindale. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. As a longtime Boston resident, I have seen the city become more and more gentrified, with housing ever more expensive and difficult to obtain or hold on to. The housing crisis is especially acute for our neighbors struggling with mental health or substance abuse challenges.

In the city of Boston, there are over 10,000 individuals that experience homelessness each year. The state has identified that there is a need for over 3,300 supportive housing units in Eastern Massachusetts. Black and Latinx persons have a higher likelihood of experiencing homelessness than non-Latinx White persons, according to the City of Boston's Assessment of Fair Housing. We now know that connecting people with housing first is crucial for recovery from mental health and/or substance abuse struggles. Without stable and supportive housing, people end up in the ER or in an inpatient unit, which is worse for them and more costly for all of us.

Additionally, Franklin Park is so critical as a green space in an urban environment that supports the well being of those who have the privilege of using that space. I take my children there to explore the magical woods.

Fortunately, Roslindale has developed strong civic-mindedness around the crucial needs of housing and behavioral health services. When the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to consensus on a Vision Plan.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center.

Importantly, while the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, they participated in the planning process and ultimately **supported** the Vision Plan.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor morally responsible. Not at all!

- Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston.
- Arborway Yard simply does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

Those in favor of "returning the land to the park" seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted's 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. **I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.**

Sincerely,
Kat Callard
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From: [Marina W](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Mayor@boston.gov](#); [julia.mejia@boston.gov](#); [michelle.wu@boston.gov](#); [michael.f.flaherty@boston.gov](#); [annissa.essaibi-george@boston.gov](#)
Subject: support for Shattuck campus plan
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 7:59:12 AM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Marina Weisz and I am a resident of JP, right near Franklin Park. I would like to express my strong support of the state's proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

Boston is a great place to live, but also has some underlying problems *in particular* from an actual-housing-that-is-affordable-for-lower-income-folks perspective. I know this because I sit on my neighborhood committees to discuss and work with developers who want to overrun our neighborhoods with housing units that only seem to be easily affordable to the developers themselves that makes millions from individual projects.

We need affordable housing, as well as supportive house and behavioral health services for those people who need it the most. This proposal for the Shattuck campus addresses some of these concerns.

In the City of Boston's PLAN JP/Rox, the Boston Planning and Development Agency estimates that over a third of the affordable units for this area (372 out of 1010) will be built on these 8+ acres. If those units are eliminated, it would bring the affordability in JP Rox way below the agreed upon community goal of 40% affordable.

I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Marina Weisz
24 Kenton Rd.
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
meiszter@gmail.com

From: [Colleen Doherty](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Preliminary Project Proposal
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:52:44 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Colleen Doherty and I am a resident of the Forest Hills neighborhood in Jamaica Plain. I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck Hospital campus.

I understand that the Shattuck Hospital will be moving to a new site in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a dire need for housing and behavioral health services for those who have struggled with homelessness and substance abuse.

I am now retired but am a former Case Manager and Case Management Supervisor with the Department of Mental Health. I was also a social worker at the former Boston City Hospital for two years. These experiences inform my belief that the state's proposal meets a crucial need in Boston.

I strongly urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,
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From: [Cynthia Bainton](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Redevelopment
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 9:24:25 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

I am writing to let you know of my support for redeveloping the Shattuck campus. It would be detrimental to those people who are in desperate need of supportive housing to wait while alternative sites which I do not believe exist are considered. The Shattuck campus has already been developed. Franklin Park is for everyone to enjoy including those with mental and addiction challenges. Their needs are greater than the need to return the site to the park.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Cynthia Bainton
63 St. Rose St.
Jamaica Plain, MA*

From: [Nicola Truppin](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 5:15:03 PM

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Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state.

Thank you!

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From: [McLaren Gould](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision & ensuring dignity for all Greater Boston residents
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 11:35:13 PM

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Hi Loryn:

I am writing to ask you and your colleagues to do everything possible to ensure the Shattuck campus is dedicated to being a resource for housing and supporting community members experiencing homelessness, mental health crises, and substance use disorders. It's an absolute imperative.

I've been a resident of the South End area for the better part of the last 9 years. I've also volunteered with BPS elementary schools in the community including the Blackstone and, more relevantly, Orchard Grove, where play outside has become unsafe due to needles and children cannot safely walk to and from school. I'm going to pull a "think of the children" card here because it's warranted. These kids are entitled to a psychologically safe place to learn. Massachusetts is failing to provide that and it's absolutely shameful.

Watching the ever-growing crisis of increasing numbers of folks in the area experiencing homelessness, substance challenges, and the related uptick of violence and trauma especially towards minimum wage workers at Dunkins and CVS's trying to keep people from overdosing in the bathrooms, I just don't see how anyone who has seen truly experience and observed this community crisis up close could reasonably be against using Shattuck as a resource to help heal this issue for all of Boston.

In 2013, I used to walk from Dartmouth at Columbus to Orchard Grove to volunteer, so I had my stops and new a few baristas, clerks, etc along Mass ave on the way to Cass. In 2014, when the bridge closed, it quickly became impossible to do and feel safe as a person walking alone in daylight-- and I'm a grown up, not an elementary school student or Dunkin worker who is a recent immigrant and has limited english with which to diffuse a situation or to call 911 when situations become unsafe (used to volunteer with International Institute of Boston as well). As the years have passed, things have gone from really bad to almost apocalyptic with needles, open substance use, poop, etc. It's become a situation where no one in the community gets to have dignity and safety, including community members experiencing homelessness.

I also spent the last two years living just outside Central Square, an area with similar issues around community members experiencing homelessness, substance and mental health disorders. I've lived and worked all over the world, including in a number of developing countries and somehow these neighborhoods right here in Massachusetts are the places I've felt most unsafe walking alone and most let down by local government in caring for its people. If it's more helpful to talk dollars and numbers, frankly, there's huge economic incentive to ensure both Boston and Cambridge, the powerhouses of the State economy, are provided support by the state in the form of the Shattuck campus, so that workers feel safe getting to their offices, leaving late and taking public transit, comfortable frequenting local businesses and spending money. Massachusetts needs Shattuck to be a community resource that provides housing, rehabilitation, and dignity to all if it wants Cambridge and Boston to continue to be desirable places to live and work.

On the topic of rehabilitation spaces, I've seen first hand what they can do to get communities back on their feet. In 2018, I went to grad school in Lisbon, Portugal. Because I'd come from living so close to Mass and Cass, I was very curious about how Portugal had turned around its heroin

epidemic. Changing the law was significant, but in speaking with friends whose families had been impacted, it was the access to treatment facilities and programs that helped turned individual lives, families, and subsequently the city around. The neighborhood of Lisbon that remains most affected, Casal Ventoso, I can personally assure you is more comfortable to walk through than Mass & Cass, Central Square, Downtown Crossing, the Common near Park Street, or Harvard Square. With Shattuck, we can restore dignity and safety for members of our community.

We're 7 years into a desperate situation that's only poised to get worse, but it doesn't have to. Please do all that you can to support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state.

Thank you
McLaren Gould
282 Shawmut ave #1, 02118

From: [Ethel Bullitt](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:25:40 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

The state of Massachusetts desperately needs more supportive housing and SUD treatment locations. I'm a psychiatrist who also lives in the South End, and I see the ravages of the opioid epidemic every day. We are not succeeding with our current approach and resources.

I have worked at Shattuck Hospital during my residency training. The fresh air and greenery of such a campus are essential ingredients in many people's recovery.

I support the state dedicating the Shattuck campus to these important public health needs.

Thank you

Ethel Bullitt, MD

From: [Lorraine Steele](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision Plan - Morton Street
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 3:01:39 PM

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To: Loryn Sheffner, DCAMM Project Manager, Office of Real Estate Management

Dear Loryn:

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Thank you

Lorraine Steele
3 Durham Street #2
Boston, MA 02115

From: [Maura McCormick](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:37:02 PM

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April 21, 2021

TO: State Asset Management Board
Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate
Email: loryn.sheffner@mass.gov

RE: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision

Dear Loryn:

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city of the station.

Thank you,

Maura McCormick
7 Gifford Place
South Boston, MA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Flynn, Ashley](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
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Good afternoon Loryn!

I wanted to write and convey my support for safe, supportive housing and SUD treatment options at the Shattuck campus. I have been at BMC for the last 2 years following 10 years in the military, and feel lucky to have found a place where my service to a community can continue. At BMC, we are so proud of the work we do for this underserved population and I have faith that the state of Massachusetts understands how important this work is. I look forward to having a safe, resource-rich location to discharge our patients to and continue the efforts in this challenging matter.

Thank you for your time!

Ashley



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From: [Erin Policastro](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:12:46 PM

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Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor Boston, MA 02108

Dear Loryn,

I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services.

It is abundantly clear to the Commonwealth that our communities desperately need more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs.

Opponents of this plan suggest the land at 170 Morton Street would best serve the surrounding communities and the Commonwealth as additional open greenspace - complimenting an impressive 1,100 acres of existing, publicly-accessible land (per Emerald Necklace Conservancy records). Calls for relocation or exploration of alternate sites do nothing to address the critical and immediate need for these supportive health services.

I would urge supporters of additional greenspace in the neighborhood to pursue the MBTA Arborway Yard as an alternative location. The Emerald Necklace Conservancy has a history of successful collaboration with nearby educational and government entities. I have full confidence they will be able to cultivate a plan with the MBTA to redevelop and beautify that space. The location boasts adjacency to public transit —increasing accessibility and engagement to newer greenspace— and maintains continued direct access to Franklin Park. It is an ideal use case for a portion of this transportation parcel, one that can afford a thoughtful redevelopment timeline to reach this potential.

Supportive housing, substance use disorder, and related behavioral health treatment services are an immediate and urgent need requiring solutions. The Shattuck location at 170 Morton Street presents a uniquely perfect opportunity to deliver on a promise made by the Commonwealth and the City of Boston to help these underserved populations, while continuing to fulfill the intended use of this land as defined by statute: to best serve the public health needs of our communities.

We must not allow plans for these vital services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state.

Thank you,

Erin Policastro

Resident, Boston (South End)

From: [Yasmeen Farra](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
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Thank you
Yasmeen Farra
102 Appleton Street, Boston MA 02116

From: [Heidi Brewster](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Fox, Stephen](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:51:30 PM

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I feel strongly that the first priority is to get the people suffering from addiction the help they need. They are sitting ducks in the South End. A recovery facility that let's them focus on their recovery, without the incredibly insidious distractions in the New Market area is a win-win. Win for the addicted and a win for our neighborhood.

Thank you.

Name: Heidi Brewster

Address: 1686 Washington Street, Unit 2, Boston, MA 02118

From: [Gozde Karacaoglu](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 9:23:45 AM

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Thank you

Gozde Karacaoglu

15 Savoy St Apt D108
Boston, MA 02118

From: [Matthew Petersen](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:25:10 PM

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To: State Asset Management Board

Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate

Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision

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In addition, I live in the SE (for 12 years now) by Boston Medical Center with my family and two grade school children. We have considered leaving the area due to the appalling things my children have been exposed to which include shooting up, public masterbation, public urination and bowel extraction, drug dealing, and individuals overdosing on the sidewalk. This has become an untenable and dangerous situation for the neighborhood and needs to be addressed with humanity and compassion and real solutions. I applaud your efforts and support the RFP in its current state to address the public need.

I find it appalling the Mr. Dukakis and Mr. Weld have spoken out about this proposal and offer no other viable solutions. It was their policies as former leaders in this state that contributed to our current situation and their opinions should have no influence on this decision as they clearly have not spent any effort observing the Mass/Cass area and the horrible situation it has become.

Thank you

Matthew Petersen

57 E Concord St. Unit #3

Boston, MA 02118

From: [Greer McCormick](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:17:17 PM

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April 22, 2021

TO: State Asset Management Board
Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate
Email: loryn.sheffner@mass.gov

RE: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision

Dear Loryn:

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Thank you,

Greer McCormick

63 Melcher Street
Apt 402
Boston, MA 02210

From: [Eric Schneider](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 1:26:13 PM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

On another note, we are losing business because of how bad this area is in Newmarket. Additionally, my staff does not feel safe and I am concerned for the future of my business if change doesn't happen.

Thank you.

Eric Schneider

President

Red Dog Pet Resort & Spa

From: [Jana Pickard-Richardson](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck Project as Proposed
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:10:13 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Jana Pickard-Richardson and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

- As a longtime Boston resident, I have seen the city become more and more gentrified, with housing ever more expensive and difficult to obtain or hold on to. The housing crisis is especially acute for our neighbors struggling with mental health or substance abuse challenges.
- In the city of Boston, there are over 10,000 individuals that experience homelessness each year. The state has identified that there is a need for over 3,300 supportive housing units in Eastern Massachusetts.
- We now know that connecting people with housing first is crucial for recovery from mental health and/or substance abuse struggles. Without stable and supportive housing, people end up in the ER or in an inpatient unit, which is worse for them and more costly for all of us.

I am also a daily user of Franklin Park, and dearly love the time in nature it affords my neighbors and me. I very much look forward to the revitalized, integrated SHattuck campus as a part of Franklin Park. I understand there was a comprehensive planning process in 2019, and I support the Vision Plan and proposals that coalition of stakeholders made.

Importantly, while the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, they participated in the planning process and ultimately **supported** the Vision Plan.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy [has suggested that when the hospital

moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. **This suggestion is a red herring.** I would urge them to support the other ways to add acreage back to the park, like closing Circuit Drive and reclaiming land from the golf course.

Those in favor of “returning the land to the park” seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted’s 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. **I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community’s 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.**

Sincerely,

Jana Pickard-Richardson
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Jamaica Plain, 02130
janainboston@gmail.com

From: [Michael Feldman](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Sue Sullivan](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck
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Thank you.

Michael Feldman

Michael Feldman | President & CEO

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From: [Will Poff-Webster](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shattuck
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:12:54 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

I support building supportive housing on the Shattuck site in Franklin Park. Our city is in a housing and opioid crisis and we must pursue every possible avenue to address these issues.

I grew up playing in the park and participated in many park volunteer clean-ups. My brother attended the Shattuck child care center so I was on the campus often with my mother picking him up at the end of the day. Sometimes we went to the Hospital cafeteria for a slice of pizza and played in the park before it got dark. I never felt any discomfort or fear being around those using the Shattuck; rather than worry about "those people" being in our park, we should create integrated and safe spaces for everyone. I believe the new Shattuck plan will be such a place.

We cannot afford to wait on new supportive housing. Through my work representing families and individuals in Housing Court, I see people every day who are trying to get their lives together while the threat of eviction and homelessness hangs over them. Any further delay in this project will further harm the most vulnerable in our city. New housing will bring access to Franklin Park for another 75-100 individuals and families - it should be a beautiful park for everyone.

I was disappointed to hear of the campaign against supportive housing on the Shattuck site. Nothing is more important than serving everyone who needs help in our community. Sometimes we face difficult tradeoffs, but here we can enhance the access and integration of a beautiful park and also house people who need it. Our community and our Commonwealth should not be left asking what else we could do to help those who need it.

Thank you,
Will Poff-Webster
Jamaica Plain

From: [Matt McArthur](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Support for State Plan for Shattuck Hospital Campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:21:09 AM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you,

-Matt

Matt McArthur (he / him / his)

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From: [Sheila Gargan](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Support for State's Project of Supportive Housing and SUD Treatment
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 4:56:53 PM

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Dear Loryn,

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There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you,

Sheila Gargan

From: [Nancy Ahmadifar](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for the Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:59:30 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Nancy Ahmadifar. I have been a resident of Mission Hill for almost 50 years. I am a regular visitor to all segments of the Emerald Necklace from the Boston Commons to Franklin Park. I treasure every part of it. **I write today to express my strong support for the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. Services on Long Island are no longer available and are unlikely to be reinstated in the foreseeable future. The de facto service area in the South End for people with substance abuse and behavioral health issues has proven to be problematic for clients and residents alike. We now know that connecting people with housing first is crucial for recovery from mental health and/or substance abuse struggles. Without stable and supportive housing, people end up in the ER or in an inpatient unit, which is worse for them and more costly for all of us.

Fortunately, my neighbors throughout Boston have developed strong civic-mindedness around the crucial needs of housing and behavioral health services. When the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to consensus on a Vision Plan.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center.

Importantly, while the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, they participated in the planning process and ultimately **supported** the Vision Plan. I am aware that alternative sitings for the proposed supported housing have been proposed. None of these alternatives are viable, for either bureaucratic or space reasons. Nor do they reflect the comprehensive planning that of the consensus-based solution for housing on the Shattuck Campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Nancy Ahmadifar
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Boston, MA 02120

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From: [Susan Lovett](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for the Preliminary Project Proposal for the Shattuck Campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:11:59 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Susan Lovett and I have been a resident of the Parkside neighborhood of Jamaica Plain for the past 20 years. I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

I'm an abutter of Franklin Park and I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. I'm a clinical social worker who serves many youth and families with mental health issues. My clients are often overwhelmed by the stressors of poverty and trauma and unable to access or maintain effective mental health services. I also work with youth experiencing homelessness and I regularly witness the many, complicating, negative impacts this has on their education, their self-esteem, their ability to develop friendships, and, of course, on their mental health.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,
Susan Lovett
11 Rocky Nook Terrace, #6
Jamaica Plain, MA, 02130

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Susan Lovett, LICSW, MSW, MEd
Clinical Coordinator, Ellis Elementary School
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From: [Cinda Stoner](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for the redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus at Morton Street
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:52:13 AM

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I support the redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus at Morton Street, Jamaica Plain. I need only to travel through the Mass/Cass area and am always startled and deeply saddened to see so many people experiencing the consequences of homelessness, drug addiction, poverty, social injustices, etc.

The Shattuck Campus at Morton Street will offer to many of these people the availability of desperately needed services: health care, behavior health and housing services.

Cinda Stoner
East Brookline Street
Brookline Street

From: [Sabrina Larkin](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for the Redvelopment of the Shattuck Campus
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:49:52 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Sabrina Larkin and I am a resident of Somerville. I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. We now know that connecting people with housing first is crucial for recovery from mental health and/or substance abuse struggles. Without stable and supportive housing, people end up in the ER or in an inpatient unit, which is more costly for them, and won't ultimately provide the long term support that would most help in recovery.

Fortunately, Boston has developed strong civic-mindedness around the crucial needs of housing and behavioral health services. When the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to consensus on a Vision Plan.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. Importantly, while the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, they participated in the planning process and ultimately supported the Vision Plan.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor morally responsible, and does not honor the wishes of the community and coalition involved in the planning process.

I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,
Sabrina Larkin
109 Orchard St.

Somerville, MA 02144

From: [Jennifer Signore](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE SHATTUCK CAMPUS
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 5:05:31 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus. There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Jennifer Signore
Vice President

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From: [Houlihan, Ella Hamilton](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for the Shattuck Project Proposal and other ways to keep our communities safe
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:05:46 PM

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Dear Mrs. Sheffner,

I hope you and your loved ones are happy and healthy. I am reaching out to show my support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus because it is one way that we can ensure more families are given the opportunity to live happier and healthier lives.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

We must take the housing crisis seriously, and do all that we can to help folks get supportive housing.

Along these lines, I also want to reach out to you about the building of a new women's prison in Mass. At the moment, the company HDR is leading this project under Chad Reilly. The building of a new prison is an extremely violent act that will disproportionately harm Black and Indigenous populations in our MA community.

As a planning professional, you have power to take a stand and support the Shattuck redevelopment, as well as condemning the construction of a new prison.

Please let me know if you will be taking action on either of these fronts.

With gratitude and love,

Ella Houlihan

Middlebury College '21
508-768-5325

From: [Lois Tow](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: support for the Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:05:54 PM

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Loryn Sheffner

Office of Real Estate

One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor

Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner:

We are residents of Jamaica Plain. **We are strong supporters of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

This plan would turn the current Shattuck Hospital site into "an innovative and person-centered campus" that recognizes the links between housing, mental health, and the environment.

This plan was hammered out by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition, representatives of neighborhood associations, housing advocates, individuals who have experienced homelessness, people in recovery, and city and state officials.

We support the proposal because it will provide critically needed supportive housing and behavioral health services.

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We are dismayed that the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has recently come out against the plan and suggested the supportive housing and behavioral services could be moved to the MBTA Arborway Yard. The proposed Arborway Yard space is only 8 acres, too small for the needed housing and services, and it's unlikely that MBTA will give up the land.

We ask the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Lois and Bruce Tow

50 Lila Rd.

Jamaica Plain MA 02130

loistow@ix.netcom.com

From: [Kimberly Rand](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for the State's Preliminary Project Proposal for the Redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 4:18:03 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Kimberly Rand and I am a resident of the Forest Hills section of Jamaica Plain. I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

I began my career working in an emergency homeless shelter in Lowell. It was there that I witnessed first-hand the ability of a caring group of staff could assist a homeless person with establishing housing stability that would go on to have positive impacts on their health, nutrition, family relationships, and overall quality of life. This is important work.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together -- any of whom live near this parcel of land -- including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that

integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Rand
Orchardhill Road
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617-983-8712
zimmerman_kimberly@hotmail.com

From: [Meghan Denenberg](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for treatment housing
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:56:03 AM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus. There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Meghan Denenberg
300 Commercial Street
Boston, MA 02109

Meghan Warner Denenberg
(781) 639-6002 - Sent from my iPhone

From: [Roberta Wiggins](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: support for Vision Plan
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 10:34:31 AM

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To: State Asset Management Board Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision Dear Loryn: I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services. The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state. Thank you Roberta Wiggins 17 Wellington Street

From: [Penny Wells](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Sonia.Chang-diaz@masenate.gov](#); [nika.elugardo@mahouse.gov](#); [Baker, Charlie \(GOV\)](#)
Subject: Support letter for Shattuck Redevelopment
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 12:38:01 PM
Attachments: [Shattuck Redevelopment support PWells.docx](#)

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From: [Cocciardi, Matthew \(DCP\)](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Vladeck, Abigail S. \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support letter for Shattuck Redevelopment
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 6:45:47 PM
Attachments: [Shattuck Redevelopment support PWells.docx](#)

Loryn,

Just making sure you have this.

Best,
Matt

MATTHEW P. COCCIARDI
Chief of Staff
DCAMM

From: Holahan, Katherine (GOV) <Katherine.Holahan@mass.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:27:05 PM
To: Jimmy Cowdell <james.m.cowdell@state.ma.us>; Cocciardi, Matthew (DCP) <matthew.cocciardi@mass.gov>
Subject: FW: Support letter for Shattuck Redevelopment

Hope you both have good weekends. Not sure where else to send this. If you have any suggestions, please let me know!

-----Original Message-----

From: D'Arbeloff, Mindy (GOV) <mindy.darbeloff@MassMail.State.MA.US>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 3:29 PM
To: Holahan, Katherine (GOV) <Katherine.Holahan@mass.gov>
Subject: FW: Support letter for Shattuck Redevelopment

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From: Penny Wells <pennywells@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 12:37 PM
To: Sheffner, Loryn (DCP) <Loryn.Sheffner@mass.gov>
Cc: Sonia Chang-Diaz <sonia.chang-diaz@masenate.gov>; nika.elugardo@mahouse.gov; Baker, Charlie (GOV) <charlie.baker@MassMail.State.MA.US>
Subject: Support letter for Shattuck Redevelopment

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Please accept this letter of support for the proposed Shattuck redevelopment plan.

Penelope Wells
13 B Parley Avenue
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Support for Redevelopment of Shattuck Campus

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Penny Wells and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain. I live less than one mile from the proposed Shattuck redevelopment site. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. Living nearby in Jamaica Plain, I consider the space part of my back yard and my neighborhood. During this pandemic and time of racial awakening, we have become hyper-aware of and sensitized to the outsized inequities in our society, and the heavy impact that our social structure has on those with disabilities and those who live in poverty. I firmly believe that we all will not be well until all of us are well. We do not want to miss the opportunity that this development plan provides to address serious needs in our community.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. A quick review of the history of the Arborway Yard shows that the MBTA has neither the inclination nor the will to hand over this land; reliance on a change of their position that has lasted 20+ years is foolish and irresponsible. The Shattuck space is already set aside; it makes perfect sense to continue its use in the social services RIGHT NOW! This plan is well-thought out and the product of community input. Franklin Park will remain the jewel that it already is in the Emerald Necklace, available to be celebrated by all the Emerald Necklace constituency, of which I count myself one.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Penny Wells
13 B Parley Avenue
Jamaica Plain
pennywells@aol.com

From: [Kevin Whalen](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support letter for the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:59:44 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

April 22, 2021

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

I have lived at Forest Hills since 1991. Before that I lived near the Stoneybrook MBTA station in JP.

Maybe more than anyone in Boston(!) I've used the area at the existing Shattuck site over the past 30 years. And I want to say that I strongly support the proposal to redevelop the existing Shattuck site as permanently affordable supportive housing for ex-homeless people.

My use of that area has included:

- I had two kids who attended the Shattuck Child Care Center (8 years of visiting it M-F)
- I coached the in Regan Youth League for 18 years and we used the Eliot Dale Field (the field abutting the hospital) in hundreds of youth baseball games.
- I had many bbq picnics (many with the families I coached in the Regan League) at the bbqs and picnic sites at the part of Franklin Park across the road from the Shattuck.
- With my friends, I ran the annual 5-mile Doyles Race through the Shattuck area and Franklin Park for over 15 years.
- With dozens of friends and teammates, for nearly 30 years I played in the JP Softball League, which held its games at Eliot Dale Field and nearby Playstead (across from the rear entrance to the zoo).
- My wife and dog and I have taken dozens of walks in the Franklin Park woods alongside the Shattuck hospital.

In no time over the past 30 years has anyone ever said, 'hey wouldn't it be great to have some more nature and trees on that hill, where you have a nice view on the other side of the 203 highway?

The Shattuck Hospital, its services, its Child Care Center, has always been an important part of the fabric of that part of Franklin Park. It provided much needed services. When it closed down, many of us jumped at the possibility of converting the site into housing which our community desperately needs – affordable and with support services for people with addictions and other health issues.

Boston's real estate prices make this affordable housing proposal one of race equity. At median income in Boston, Latin American families would have to nearly triple up to afford a 2-br unit. Black households are not far behind. Getting permanently affordable housing for those with substance abuse and other health issues is a critical need especially in communities unable to afford Boston's sky-high rents. The State says over 3,300 supportive housing units are needed in Eastern Mass alone, and I suspect even that figure is low.

I deal with mental health challenges in my own family and know the value of supportive residential housing. Such housing is make or break for many people with addictions and mental health illnesses. It allows them to be able to succeed in a job, engage in healthy relationships, and get back together with families.

There is vast park space where the Shattuck is. Across the street is Forest Hills Cemetery. On the other side of Forest Hills is the Arboretum. At its end is JP Pond. We do NOT need to stop such an important affordable housing project in order to open up much needed green space here. It's a ruse to make this a fight for nature and parks.

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy and friends are promoting a false alternative, to move the project to the Arborway Yard, and return the Shattuck site to the park. The yard is too small and there's no guarantee the MBTA would give it up. For over 12 years our community has tried to develop that parcel to no avail. It is a red herring for the Emerald Necklace to say this project should be developed there. They know it and we know it.

The local Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, but then they participated in the planning process and ultimately supported the current plan.

I am on the Boards of three Jamaica Plain groups - Southern JP Health Center, First Baptist Church JP and the Centre for Faith, Art and Justice. We all strongly support the proposed supportive and affordable housing project at the Shattuck site. Every day that the development of this project is delayed, more people will die of addiction. Attempts to delay it are sinful and attacks on health equity in our community.

This project took years to negotiate with the community and other stakeholders, and it is desperately needed.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Whalen, 10 View South Avenue #3, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

From: [Natalie Eldridge](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support of proposed development of the Shattuck Campus
Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021 10:15:30 PM

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I am a resident of Jamaica Plain, and have reviewed the plan and process involved in discussing the development of the Shattuck Campus. Providing supportive housing for those who are homeless seems even more urgent as the Covid pandemic has stretched on. The holistic practice of delivering addiction treatment, mental health and other social services nearby to housing seems both effective and a best practice.

I know the homeless shelter there has been doing necessary work over the years - and I was thankful they provided services for a member of my own family who was in need of shelter several years ago.

Although I value the conservation of land, and the tremendous foresight of Fredrick Law Olmsted in developing Boston's Emerald Necklace, I also see that the proposed development would be on land already housing the Shattuck hospital and parking. In my mind, the tremendous need in Boston for affordable housing, temporary shelter for the homeless, and accessible social services far outweighs any call to return this corner of Franklin Park to a green-space. The 13-acre campus in question is less than 3% of the 485-acre park!

Thank you for collecting and considering public comment.

Sincerely,
Natalie S. Eldridge, Ph.D.
Psychologist

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From: [Elana Brochin](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for Shattuck campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 4:26:02 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Elana Brochin and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

Supportive housing units allow people at risk of experiencing housing instability to have access to safe and health-promoting housing.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible. Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Elana Brochin

48 Robinwood Avenue, Apt. 12

Jamaica Plain MA 02130

From: [Catey Boyle](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support Shattuck Hospital Campus Redevelopment
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:00:26 PM

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Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Catey Boyle and I am a resident of Cambridge. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

Like so many others, I have several family members across generations who have struggled with addiction. We are fortunate that many family members are in recovery. There's no way this could have happened without access to stable, safe, and secure housing. I also know that as a white person, access to safe and stable housing falls directly along racialized lines. My family members received quality healthcare and secure housing as part of our skin privilege.

In the city of Boston, there are over 10,000 individuals that experience homelessness each year. The state has identified that there is a need for over 3,300 supportive housing units in Eastern Massachusetts.

Black and Latinx persons have a higher likelihood of experiencing homelessness than non-Latinx White persons, according to the City of Boston's Assessment of Fair Housing

We know that connecting people with housing first is crucial for recovery from mental health and/or substance abuse struggles. Without stable and supportive housing, people end up in the ER or in an inpatient unit, which is worse for them and more costly for all of us.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor morally responsible.

Why should we consider throwing away a consensus-based solution, in favor of this mirage of an idea?

Those in favor of “returning the land to the park” seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted’s 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. **I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community’s 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.**

Thank you,
Catey Boyle

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Catey Boyle
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From: [Jackson Durand](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment Plan
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:33:12 PM

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Dear Ms Sheffner,

My name is Jackson Durand and I am a resident of Jamaica Plain. I am writing to you today in strong support of the state's plan to redevelop Shattuck Hospital into Shattuck Campus. I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because we have a dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. I'm writing this email from a comfortable chair in a warm house on a chilly New England spring day -- but my own housing situation is precarious, and I could easily be a person Shattuck Campus could provide much-needed assistance to.

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy's proposal for the Shattuck Hospital land fails to recognize that their plan to build the housing and supportive services on Arborway Yard is fatally flawed. Arborway Yard is owned by the MBTA, and the MBTA has not offered this land for use (and has steadfastly refused to sell it for over 20 years!). That land is not the Emerald Necklace Conservancy's to bargain with.

I urge the Commonwealth to move forward with the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment Plan. Massachusetts is facing an opioid crisis, a homelessness crisis, and a mental health crisis. The new Shattuck Campus would make an amazing difference in the lives of people who are experiencing these issues. Franklin Park is a gem, but a 2% increase in its land would not provide life-changing help to anyone.

Thank you for your time.
Jackson Durand

From: [Josephine Cuzzi](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Supporting Shattuck Campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:54:54 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus. Every day I bear witness to the misery of people who live on the streets in our neighborhood, with shopping carts, dumpsters and wheelchairs as their source of shelter. No-one, despite their personal challenges, should be marginalized and treated as expendable.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Joey Cuzzi



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From: [Richard Horsley](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: the planning for the development of the old Shattuck campus
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:26:09 PM

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Since moving to the Egleston Sq. area in 1970 to work on integration, against redlining, and stopping the extension of I-95, my I have been active in Franklin Park. I ran nearly every day for an hour or more, walked, gone sledding, made hundreds of friends from Dorchester, Grove Hall, Roxbury, Rislindale, Hyde Park, etc., picnicked, and joined in special events and celebrations such as Juneteenth. I have not been able to explore every part of the Park, it so huge. But I have surely explored much of the wilderness. enjoyed crossing paths with groups of people rehabbing at the Shattuck our for a walk around Scarborough Pond, exchanging greetings with other runners and walkers. More recently my wife and I have bicycled or walked our grandson to and from preschool at the Shattuck, often through the wilderness. It was special to meet and talk with many of the rebabbing people outside or homeless guys waiting for the shelter to open; they specially liked the grandson and we regularly brightened up one another's days. Recently there have been birthday parties and yoga lessons at various points in the Park, and many summer picnics over by the tennis courts. It is wonderful to see increasing numbers of people enjoying the Park. But it is so extensive that there is plenty of room for everyone.

During the last couple of years I have participated the planning and consultation sessions about the future of the Shattuck campus area. The public health focus of the future use of the site in particularly attractive. These and the planning was well conceived, widely attendced, with plenty of time for exchange, including small group discussions with fascinating combinations of diverse people around tables. The public had plenty of opportunity for input, and the planners were listening. I fully support the product that emerged from those meetings and that process.

Recently we have heard of outsiders having voiced objections at the last minute. When I looked over the "brief" drawn up by the Emerald Neclace Conervancy people downtown some months ago, I was astounded that they did not seem to have even visited the area and had no sense of all the ins-and-outs of various agencies (state, city, MBTA, etc.) about the whole area, including the old bus and trolley car yards near Forest Hills Station and no sense of the traffic flow on Morton Street and the recent implementation of rearrangement of access (and non-entry) to the Park along Morton St. Their suggestions would have required waving some miracle wands in the interagency negotiations and re-doing much of recent planning and construction. Those of us who use the Park and live in Roxbury, Dorchester, Egleston Sq area, Forest Hills area, do not welcome intervention by people of privilege coming in from outside to block careful deliberative planning. How many of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy people have visited it, or driven along Sever St, Blue Hills Ave, or Morton St.). I

was worried that the former governors were pulled in to oppose the plan. But a neighbor says, no, they supported the public health emphasis in the plan for the future use.

So I urge that the long careful consultative planning process be followed. Having more affordable housing and services available on the space of the old Shattuck will surely help the citizens of the city and help us fight against gentrification. I highly value the remaining diversity we have in the areas around the Park. Let's keep it!

Thanks for receiving our concerns,

Richard Horsley

19 Park Lane, Jamaica Plain

617-524-7305

From: [Leesa Kurtz Stolbach](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: The Shadduck Hospital Development
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:01:00 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy's opposition to the development of the 13 acres of land for a recovery center. 13 acres of land is a lot of land. I support protecting and saving the land as a wild space. It is inappropriate to take that space and develop it for a giant recovery center. I have been sober for 18 years and I do not support this. The city and state should reinstate support (that they had done away with), for providing 28 day programs throughout the state.

I vote yes green space and NO for development of recovery site.

Sincerely,

Leesa Kurtz Stolbach
66 Patten St.
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

From: [Jan Rowe](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: the shattuck
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:33:25 PM

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I retired after 23 years as an RN for the 3 then 5 department of mental health units at Lemuel Shattuck.

The one hour I took patients to the park before or after the evening meal was some of the best therapy. Patients themselves said so.

Substance abuse – protection from extortion and transportation are issues. I was dependent upon the shuttle at times and now it does not run on the weekend.

Buses #31 and #21 run on the Morton Street side of the Shattuck which shamefully has no pedestrian light. Bus #16 or #18 runs on the Circuit Drive side of the Shattuck.

**Thank you,
Jan Rowe, RN**

From: [Laz Askitis](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Transitional Housing Is At Shattuck Hospital
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:04:22 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Good Day

Attached are two signed affidavits supporting additional housing to Shattuck Hospital in Jamaica

Thank You

Laz Askitis
George Deligiannides



Laz Askitis
Purchasing Agent

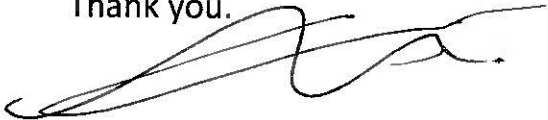
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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Deligiannides', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

George Deligiannides

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Thank you.



Lazaros K. Askitis

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From: [Craig Hughes](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Vision for Shattuck campus - strong support
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:52:47 AM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available across the city of Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

I plan to attend the zoom meeting this evening to listen to the discussion.

Thank you,

Craig Hughes
9 Worcester Square, Boston, MA 02118

From: [MT](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Vision for Shattuck campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:21:39 AM

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Dear Loryn,

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There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Mary Tarpy

President / Boston Cab Dispatch

From: [Mike Young](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org; [Mike Young](#)
Subject: Vision for Shattuck campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:10:42 AM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There are not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you,

Mike Young

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Mike Young

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From: [Tracie Edwards](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Vote for continued development on the Shattuck Hospital Campus
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 8:36:30 AM

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To: State Asset Management Board Loryn Sheffner, Office of Real Estate Subject: Support for Shattuck Campus Vision Dear Loryn: I support the Vision Plan submitted by DCAMM and the work of the Community Advisory Board and the recommendations of the State Department of Health and Human Services. The Commonwealth desperately needs more supportive housing and behavioral health treatment locations focused on mental health and substance use disorder. I support the state dedicating the 13 acre Shattuck campus to these important public health needs. We must not allow plans for these vital priority services to be derailed. There is no greater priority for the city or the state.

As a 30-year resident of the South End, we cannot afford to absorb any more suffering and the situation on the street is worse than during the crack epidemic. I recognize the need for immediate help for opiate-addicted, but we've no more room on the streets, sidewalks, stoops, alleys or front gardens of the South End any longer. Thank you for your vote to continued development on the Shattuck Campus.

Sincerely yours,
Tracie Edwards
43 East Springfield Street
Boston
tracie.edwards2@comcast.net

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Hi Loryn,

Please see attached for WalkBoston's comments on the Shattuck Campus.

Thank you,
Brendan

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Brendan Kearney (he/him/his)

Deputy Director | WalkBoston

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From: [Brendan Kearney](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Stacey Beutell](#)
Subject: WalkBoston comments on Shattuck Campus
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:58:09 PM
Attachments: [WalkBoston.Shattuck Site Comment Letter.pdf](#)



April 23, 2021

Loryn Sheffner, DCAMM
1 Ashburton Place, Suite 107
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Shattuck Campus Redevelopment at Morton Street Proposal

Dear Loryn,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Shattuck Campus Redevelopment Proposal. If the 13-acre Shattuck Campus site will be redeveloped for public health purposes, we hope the project will address connections to and along Morton Street to make it safer and more convenient for pedestrians, and reconnect Franklin Park to this side of the neighborhood. We suggest that the housing development plan, if adopted, include an enforceable requirement of wide, accessible walking paths and tree canopy in the spirit of the Olmsted Plan.

One of the high level planning principles identified is to “improve access to neighborhoods with public transit, bike and pedestrian options.” This project, in conjunction with the greater Franklin Park Action Plan, has the potential to more deliberately restore public access to the park from the Morton Street side. The state needs to think beyond the borders of the project bounds in order to make this happen.

While Morton Street is a MassDOT road, two of the roads that feed into it with similar cross sections, American Legion Highway and Blue Hill Avenue, are listed on the City of Boston’s High Crash Network in the top 3% of streets for motor vehicle crashes. The high speed design of Morton Street impacts all other modes. It feels uncomfortable and is an unpleasant walking and biking environment; there are sections of the street that do not have sidewalks on either side. The bus stop on Morton Street to access the Shattuck site was made accessible in the last few years by removing the center median barrier and adding curb ramps, yet the existing unsignalized crossing of multiple vehicle lanes is still dangerous for people walking. The project site is not far from the Forest Hills MBTA station, yet seems much further since Morton Street is poorly designed at this point for walking.

We hope that there will be a collaborative focus on traffic calming beyond the immediate project footprint incorporated into this redevelopment project and adjacent park effort by DCAMM, MassDOT, and the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

Brendan Kearney, Deputy Director
WalkBoston

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From: [Peter Rosenbaum](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: We support the Vision Plan for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:51:27 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
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Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner:

We, Peter and Femke (Femma) Rosenbaum, longtime residents of Jamaica Plain, support and feel confident in the plan to convert the Shattuck campus at Franklin Park into a facility that supports the homeless with behavioral health services, shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. We so much appreciate that the Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and has components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden and/or a child care center.

For decades, we have enjoyed many, many walks in the Park and also large and small public and community events and celebrations. We have also been members of the Franklin Park Coalition. We care so much about the Park!!

We also are deeply concerned about the status of the homeless people in Boston and about their support, especially in this time of sky-high housing prices. We think that enhancing the Shattuck campus as a support for the homeless, and enabling more of them to have ready access to the healing properties of nature in the parkland, not only will help improve the current crisis of homelessness but will also so well fit Olmstead's vision, mission of the restorative powers of nature for city-dwellers.

Please, please, let's move ahead with this Vision, which will help the homeless and further the Park's unique ability to improve community and well-being for us all.

Thank you, and sincerely,
Femke & Peter Rosenbaum
11 Clive St.,
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
617-676-5500

From: [Heather Mick-Carito](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Why I Strongly Support Shattuck Project
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 2:27:06 PM

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I am writing to voice my **STRONG** support for the Shattuck campus redevelopment.

Five years ago I lost my oldest child to drugs and mental illness. In our badly broken system of mental health and substance abuse treatment, the Shattuck was the only place he could get services.

I am a resident of Forest Hills and have direct experience with the unhoused population who slept under the Casey Overpass and sections of the Arboretum. These folks have been forced to find other places to sleep; they have not disappeared.

We were already in an epidemic of opioid overdoses before the pandemic, which has served to greatly exacerbate the problem. The pandemic has also worsened the the housing crisis in one of the highest priced housing markets in the country.

I attended the meetings about the redevelopment and found them to be extremely well thought out and transparent, with a wide range of interests considered, including eco design and sustainability.

Jamaica Plain is rich with green space and I find it unconscionable that people are putting these 13 acres (representing 2-3% of Franklin Park) before the needs of our most vulnerable citizens. Shame on them!

Suggesting the 8-acre Arborway Yard as a viable solution is ridiculous. The MOU has not been honored in 2 decades. Eliminating 5 acres means eliminating some of the supportive housing or some of the services. I was very disappointed in the two former governors who spoke in favor of this idea. This is not a workable solution!

Respectfully,

Heather Mick-Carito

Forest Hills

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Karen Parker](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Yes for Shattuck for SUD
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:03:50 PM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and service.

We have lived in Boston's South End for 50 years & have NEVER seen anything like. The need is absolute & sb immediate.

I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Karen Parker
West Concord Street

Sent from my iPhone

From: [George Stergios](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Yes to the State Plan for the Shattuck
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 11:49:38 AM

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Dear Loryn

I attended the meeting last night but did not get a chance to speak. I was impressed by how thoughtful people on both sides were, but the preponderance of reasons still supports the state's vision for behavioral health and supportive housing on the site. The service providers at Mass and Cass are doing their best and they are doing a lot, but they are overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of those who need help, and those who need help are overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of those who are not coming to Mass and Cass for help but to get high, and the drug dealers they attract. The state will have the space to establish the kind of continuum of care at the Shattuck that can guide these people into recovery and back to normal, productive lives in an area that will be much easier to police, which will relieve some of the pressure on Mass and Cass.

George Stergios, President, WSANA

From: [Alexa OR Malden](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Redevelopment
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:54:54 PM

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Hello Loryn Sheffner:

I am writing in support of the State's plan for redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus at Morton Street. Boston is in need of as much behavioral and public health services, supportive housing, and open space as possible, especially in these uncertain times. Please do all that you can to help the marginalized people of Boston be healthier and happier in every way possible.

[Ellen McLaughlin](#)

16 Lincoln Street #3
Malden, MA 02148
(ze, zir, zis)

From: [Amethyst Carey](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck plan
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:40:11 PM

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Loryn Sheffner
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Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Amethyst Carey and I live in Forest Hills in JP. **I write today to express my strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.**

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services.

I have many loved ones who struggle with addiction and mental health struggles. I worry constantly about their wellbeing-- not because of their own lack of growth or effort, but because our leaders continually refuse to invest in resources to protect and take care of them.

I urge you on behalf of the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

The Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. The plan was created by diverse stakeholders working together, including the Franklin Park Coalition.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. **This suggestion is neither practical nor responsible.** Because of the MBTA's financial troubles, it is unlikely to honor the 20+ year old MOU, in which it promised to transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City of Boston. The Arborway Yard also does not have enough space to house the services proposed for the 13-acre Shattuck campus.

Please do the right thing and honor the community's visioning for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

Sincerely,
Amethyst Carey

6 O'Leary Way, Apt 80. Jamaica Plain, MA. 02130
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Amethyst Carey (she/her/hers)

[CoFED](#) Board Member

[Cooperative Fund of New England](#) Board Member

From: [Beth Scherer](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Shattuck campus support
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 10:26:04 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Our company owns and operates the 3 hotels in the South Bay Plaza area. Covid has stricken our business by about 85%. We are doing all that we can to hang on but each time one of our Corporate Travelers or leisure guests encounter a "vagrant" or similar, we potentially could lose that business.

The number of drug addicted/homeless people that are in our hotels is mind blowing. What we have found is that they are "pooling" their money to rent rooms and while we do not accept cash NOR do we allow anyone to check in without a valid ID and a major credit card (with the same name), they somehow find a way!

I can guarantee you that almost ALL of the guests that fit the above description could benefit from a program such as the Shattuck Campus. I have attached a video of what we encounter on almost a DAILY Basis. We have got to work together to provide the services that these people so desperately need. Can you imagine checking into a hotel with you family & encountering this?

ALL of our entrances and exits are locked, we have cameras all over the properties as well as security almost 24/7. However, once they have a "friend"

staying in the hotel, it's challenging for us to police who visits.

Thank you,

Beth Scherer
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From: [Bill Sloan](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 8:23:02 AM

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As a resident of Jamaica Plain, I strongly support the community-led plan for the redevelopment of the current Shattuck State Hospital site. This plan will meet a crucial need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. The proposal by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy--an organization of Boston's wealthiest one percent, whose false environmentalism ignores the people's real needs--is not workable from either a space or financial perspective. Please reject the ENC plan and move forward with the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus integrating badly needed housing with services in a green space open to all of Boston. Thank you.

- Bill

From: [Bob Minnocci](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:46:15 AM

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Dear Loryn,

I'm a Boston resident and I'm emailing you to lend my support to the state's vision for the Shattuck campus. We desperately need more supportive housing.

Many thanks,

--

Bob

Bob Minnocci
(617) 236-4893 | (857) 222-4149

From: [Britton, Valeda](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Support for the Shattuck Campus
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 12:07:36 PM

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Dear Ms Sheffner

Set forth below is an email letter of support for the State's vision for the Shattuck Campus.

April 23, 2021

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

As Executive Director of Community Relations at Boston University's Medical Campus, I am emailing to show support for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts vision for the Shattuck Campus. There is not enough supportive housing nor Substance Use Disorder treatment options available throughout the Commonwealth and especially in Boston. This project is critically needed for helping people who require services and housing.

I strongly endorse this project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly

Valeda Britton, JD

Valeda Britton, JD
Executive Director Community Relations Med Campus
Boston University
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vjbritto@bu.edu

From: [Caitlin Friree](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 10:19:47 AM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Caitlin Friree
Newton, MA

From: [Jarrod Polseno](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: South End Support for Shattuck Campus Vision
Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021 7:55:22 PM

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Dear Loryn:

I have seen some recent plans for the Shattuck campus that transform it into a rehabilitation facility and I just wanted to say that as a local resident I certainly support them. I know we are building additional housing and rehab capacity here in the South End which I hope will assist in getting people the help they need and off the street but more needs to be done in the surrounding areas to build up capacity. The potential bed count and services that could be provided on such a site would be a welcome addition and help alleviate some of the burden within the Boston area.

Thank you,
Jarrod Polseno
135 W Concord St Boston

From: [Lauren Bard](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: support for Shattuck campus redevelopment
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 7:11:48 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Lauren Bard and I am a resident of Roslindale and have also lived in Jamaica Plain. I am writing to SUPPORT the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

We need supportive housing and behavioral health services for our city's most vulnerable residents. Homelessness, mental health challenges, and substance abuse issues are a primary concern and a safe supportive environment is crucial.

I want to see the Commonwealth fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates housing and services with green space so people can live full lives with dignity.

Sincerely,
-Lauren Bard

31 Havana Street
Roslindale, MA 02131
lauren.bard@gmail.com

From: [Maarten Hemsley](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: Shattuck campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:03:33 PM
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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston, and this continues to have a very adverse impact on the Newmarket District, where we are located.

The Shattuck project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.



Maarten Hemsley
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From: [Maxence Metayer](#)
To: [Loryn Sheffner](#); [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: maxmet3@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Shattuck Hospital at Morton St AMB Public Hearing Confirmation
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:49:01 PM

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Good afternoon,

I would like to ask and suggest that serious consideration for the proposed project to be reviewed for development at the old Arborway bus lot.

This location provides convenient access to buses and the train, in addition to the walkability to local businesses, restaurants, and shops.

The Emerald Necklace needs to be returned to its intended use.

Thank you,
Maxence Metayer

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 1:36 PM, Loryn Sheffner
<no-reply@zoom.us> wrote:

Hi Maxence Metayer,

Thank you for registering for "Shattuck Campus at Morton Street AMB Public Hearing".

Please submit any questions to: Loryn.Sheffner@mass.gov

Date Time: Apr 13, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

From: [MrDMarciante](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: State's Vision for the Shattuck Campus
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 5:06:18 PM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

Damian Marciante

Victoria's Diner

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(781)771-5111

From: [Pamela Bender](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [MAYOR@BOSTON.GOV](#); [A.E.GEORGE@BOSTON.GOV](#); [MICHAEL.F.FLAHERTY@BOSTON.GOV](#);
[JULIA.MEJIA@BOSTON.GOV](#); [MICHELLE.WU@BOSTON.GOV](#); [MATTHEW.OMALLEY@BOSTON.GOV](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:57:04 AM
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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Pamela Bender and I live in the Forest Hills neighborhood of Jamaica Plain. I am writing in strong support the Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus at Franklin Park.

I work in the community development field and I have some idea of the costs of developing housing – particularly supportive housing. I believe the Shattuck campus is a unique opportunity to build supportive housing at the scale that makes it cost-effective. The need for the housing and the programs that will remain on the site is so great and an opportunity such as this will not present itself again.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. I was an active member of the Community Planning Committee for the Arborway Yard (CPCAY) for over ten years working to develop the bus yard. Even with a memorandum of understanding between the MBTA, the city and the community we were unable to make anything happen there over the past 20 years. We cannot wait another 20 years – or even 5 years – to build this desperately needed housing.

I hope we have all learned from the pandemic how important it is to protect the most vulnerable in our communities. **I urge the Commonwealth to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates housing and services with green space available to all.**

Sincerely,

Pamela Bender
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Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
benderpam@msn.com

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: [Sandra Lyons](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Redevelopment of the Shattuck campus
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:12:12 PM

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Dear Ms. Sheffner,

We are Jamaica Plain residents of more than 25 years and we value the presence of Franklin Park contiguous to our neighborhood and other Boston neighborhoods. We have enjoyed many walks around the loop paths adjacent to the Shattuck Hospital in Franklin Park.

We write today to express our strong support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for redevelopment of the Shattuck campus, which was created by several groups, including the Franklin Park Coalition - whose mission we strongly support, as well.

The proposal would maintain a shelter and crucial behavioral health programs at the current site, while the hospital will be relocated near Boston Medical Center. Further it is proposed to create 75-100 supportive housing units on the redeveloped site -- urgently needed at this time.

The Plan would integrate the campus with Franklin Park and would incorporate components accessible to the whole community, e.g. a community garden or a child care center. People using the services and programs could enjoy the beauty of Franklin Park, while occupying a relatively small portion of the total acreage. Recent suggestions to move all such services and programs away from Franklin Park to the Arborway Yard make no sense. In fact, they serve only to delay and disrupt progress.

I urge the Commonwealth to reject such untimely proposals and move forward to implement the Shattuck Redevelopment Vision Plan, creating a public health campus, integrated with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Sandra N and David B Lyons
4 Carolina Place
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

From: [Sandy Bailey](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Re: Shattuck Hospital at Morton St AMB Public Hearing Confirmation
Date: Saturday, April 17, 2021 2:30:46 PM

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Hi Loryn,

This is a public comment on the project proposed at the Shattuck Hospital site on Morton St.

The Shattuck site is located in the Mattapan zone for Boston's large project review process. Yet, based solely on the Shattuck's street address, DCAMM oriented this process to JP and failed to include BIPOC neighbors of Franklin Park from Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan, who are the majority of park users and will be most affected by a recovery campus at the Shattuck site.

This is an example of how our institutions must re-think business as usual to avoid racially unjust outcomes and even the appearance of racially biased decision-making.

JP has an obvious NIMBY interest in siting this recovery campus away from JP residences and the Arnold Arboretum, a beloved JP open space. That was apparent during the public hearing from the many comments to the effect that JP has plenty of open space and can afford to sacrifice 13 acres of Franklin Park. True, JP is blessed with Jamaica Pond, the Southwest Corridor Park and the Arboretum. An abundance of open space is not, however, available to the Shattuck's neighbors from Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan.

The Commonwealth owns property in Forest Hills at the Arborway Yard and also adjoining the State Lab overlooking the Arnold Arboretum. State agencies control those parcels and yet have not even considered them for the recovery campus, despite repeated requests from the beginning of this process and the advantages of being close to the T, shops, other people and activity. One apparent reason for ignoring those sites would be to avoid the NIMBY reaction that would arise compared to the Shattuck location that impacts few in Jamaica Plain.

Boston has a right to both the full benefit of Franklin Park and robust recovery facilities with supportive housing. There was never a reason to pit those important needs against each

other. State officials should do the right thing and (1) reconsider siting this much needed supportive housing and campus to other Commonwealth-owned land that is available and better suited, and (2) restructure the public process to be inclusive of BIPOC neighbors.

Thank you,
Sandy Bailey
Roslindale, MA

From: [Sheree Marciante](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: nba@newmarketboston.org
Subject: VISION FOR SHATTUCK CAMPUS
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:59:16 PM

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Dear Loryn,

I am emailing to voice support for the State's vision for the Shattuck campus.

There is not enough supportive housing and SUD treatment options available in Boston. This project is critical for helping people in need who require housing and services. I strongly endorse this project.

Thank you.

SHEREE T. MARCIANTE

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From: [Walter Pollard](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Martha Karchere](#)
Subject: Re: Shattuck Hospital at Morton St AMB Public Hearing Confirmation
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:42:42 PM

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Ms. Sheffner:

Thanks for the opportunity to speak this evening. Can I ask you the extent to which the Governor is aware of the MBTA's response to your approach to them on the subject of the use of the bus yard as the site for what is now envisioned for the Shattuck space?

It seems fantastic that the MBTA (and the Commonwealth) could be dismissive of an idea that would bring such historic public good on so many fronts.

For the Governor to make this work would be a beautiful example of good governance and leadership.

Best regards,

Walt Pollard

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 13, 2021, at 6:44 PM, Loryn Sheffner <no-reply@zoom.us> wrote:

Hi Walter Pollard,

Thank you for registering for "Shattuck Campus at Morton Street AMB Public Hearing".

Please submit any questions to: Loryn.Sheffner@mass.gov

Date Time: Apr 13, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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From: [William Gleason](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Re: Shattuck Campus at Morton Street Public Hearing Follow Up
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 4:55:04 PM

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I enjoyed the presentation and as a 54 year lifelong Boston resident I offer my full support for the project. This city's preeminent health crisis is the combination of lack of drug and alcohol rehabilitation services and affordable housing. We are in critical need of more of these services and for them to be spread out throughout the entire state and different neighborhoods of our city . South Boston my current home for 16 years just blocks from Pine Street Inn and several methadone clinics and accessory services is too overburdened with all of these services currently and we will also be along with South End the Nee host of Shattuck Hospital. I fully support all current services and support the expansion of services for people affected with opioid and other addictions and the homeless community being RE housed . What I do not support is any further delay in providing these services and housing. But we must make every effort to spread these services throughout the commonwealth. Regional problems require regional solutions.

I will only briefly comment on the thought of folks that want the campus returned to green space. The MBTA land will take too long to procure and I truly believe a greater God is watching us. We need to address these services today and we can all join together and secure the MBTA land in the future. Using it as an open space closer to all the new residences that will use it only makes sense.

I have lived in this city my entire life and grew up in Dorchester and lived in several neighborhoods through many different changing versions of Boston. But what I see out there in today's Boston with people suffering from the pandemic of addiction and the lack of housing is not a Boston I can be proud of. We must do better. I'm old enough to recall when Boston State Hospital was across the street and we opened the wards and put people out in the streets. We need to give these people care and shelter again. It is our responsibility as a civilized society to give them the basics and a sense of dignity.

Sincerely,
Bill Gleason
141 Dorchester Ave
Unit 306
Boston Ma 02127

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On Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 4:54 PM, Loryn Sheffner <loryn.sheffner@mass.gov> wrote:

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Thank you for your feedback!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend last Tuesday's public hearing on the redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus at Morton Street. We had over 250 participants, and appreciated all of the thoughtful comments and questions we received.

The slides from the meeting are available for review at the project proposal web page at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shattuck-campus-redevelopment-at-morton-street-proposal>.

As a reminder, we encourage written comments on our Draft Project Proposal, which may also be found at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shattuck-campus-redevelopment-at-morton-street-proposal>.

We will be accepting comments **until 5pm on Friday, April 23**. You can email your comments to me (loryn.sheffner@mass.gov), or mail them to:

Loryn Sheffner, DCAMM
1 Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

After April 23 we will review all comments and questions received via all channels, and will address them in our Final Project Proposal to the Asset Management Board.

Sincerely,
Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate

Our mailing address is:

1 Ashburton Place, 15th Floor, Boston, MA 02108

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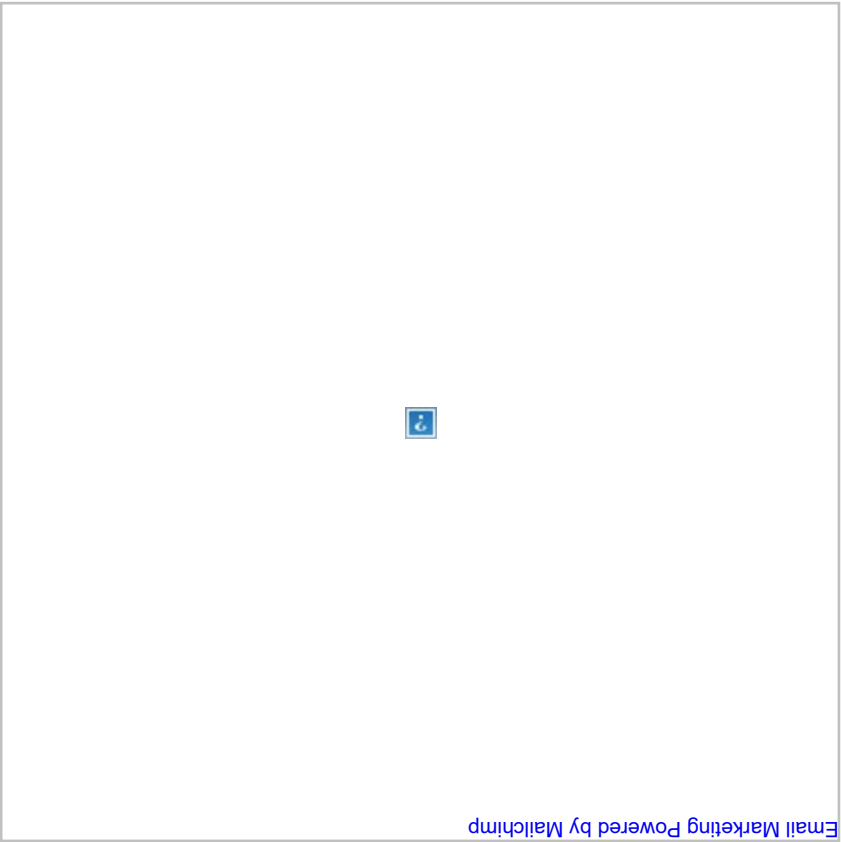
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From: [Christine Morgan](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Cc: [Mayor@boston.gov](#); [julia.mejia@boston.gov](#); [michelle.wu@boston.gov](#); [michael.f.flaherty@boston.gov](#); [annissa.essaibi-george@boston.gov](#); [lydia.edwards@boston.gov](#); [kenzie.bok@boston.gov](#); [andrea.campbell@boston.gov](#); [ricardo.arroyo@boston.gov](#); [matthew.omalley@boston.gov](#); [liz.breadon@boston.gov](#); [ed.flynn@boston.gov](#); [frank.baker@boston.gov](#); [Sal DiDomenico](#); [jessica.giannino@mahouse.gov](#)
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Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Christine and I am a resident of Boston. I am writing today in support of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

I support the current proposal for the Shattuck campus because it will meet a crucial challenge: the dire need for supportive housing and behavioral health services. Despite most of our leaders in this country not recognizing it, housing is an essential human right. Having anybody on the streets is a moral failing. Housing first programs help address this moral failing in a way that recognizes the dignity of every person. It is not nearly as important, but this also saves money, much more money than the costs associated with housing instability. Countless studies have shown this over and over again, and yet we continue to ignore it to our city's own detriment.

Fortunately, Boston has developed strong civic-mindedness around the crucial needs of housing and behavioral health services. When the state conducted a comprehensive planning process in 2019, stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods, community groups, greenspace advocates, housing, and health care groups came to consensus on a Vision Plan.

The Vision Plan includes behavioral health services, the shelter, and 75-100 units of supportive housing. The Plan also includes integrating the campus with Franklin Park and

including components that will be accessible to the community, such as a community garden or a child care center. I moved here a year and a half ago, I miss the greenspaces I used to have access to in my old state most of all and I know first hand what a benefit these types of community spaces have for people. I want this for my new home.

Importantly, while the Franklin Park Coalition initially advocated for the land to be returned to the park, they participated in the planning process and ultimately supported the Vision Plan.

Recently, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy has suggested that when the hospital moves, the supportive housing and remaining services should be moved to the Arborway Yard. This suggestion is neither practical nor morally responsible. In 1999, the MBTA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Boston, which stipulates that the T transfer 8 acres of Arborway Yard to the City, to be used for affordable housing and other community needs. This land is already committed to the community. We have the vision and the need, do not throw that away for whatever red herring this is.

Those in favor of "returning the land to the park" seek to fulfill Frederick Law Olmsted's 1878 vision of a complete Emerald Necklace. I urge the Commonwealth instead to fulfill the community's 2021 vision of a public health campus that integrates desperately needed housing and services with green space available to all.

Sincerely,

Christine Morgan
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From: [Doreen Bennett](#)
To: [Sheffner, Loryn \(DCP\)](#)
Subject: Shattuck Campus Plan
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 9:49:57 AM
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22 April 2021

Loryn Sheffner
Office of Real Estate
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Sheffner,

My name is Doreen Bennett and I was raised in Roxbury, near Eggleston Station and still work in downtown Boston and worship in Boston's South End neighborhood. I write today to express my **strong support** of the state's Preliminary Project Proposal for the redevelopment of the Shattuck campus.

I understand that the Shattuck State Hospital will be moving to a new site near Boston Medical in 2024, but the shelter and several behavioral health programs will remain on the current Shattuck campus. In addition, the state wishes to add 75-100 critically needed supportive housing units to the redeveloped site.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doreen Bennett", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right. The signature is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

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