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To: Honorable Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor's Office  
1 City Hall Plaza  
Boston, MA 02201

Date: June 17, 2010

Dear Mayor Menino,

I write to express my strong support for Parcel 24, a mixed-use, mixed-income project on the currently vacant Parcel 24 site. I understand Parcel 24 LLC, a joint venture of Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC) and New Boston Fund, Inc. (NBF), is submitting a new application for funding from the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development and the National Housing Trust for the rental aspect of the development. I urge the City to renew its support of the project especially because its development and affordability component are still important to the revitalization of this part of the neighborhood.

The proposed project will provide much needed housing while restoring a vibrant residential neighborhood that existed 40 years ago. I value Parcel 24 LLC's commitment to community-driven development and that the project addresses community needs by creating a high number of affordable rental and homeownership opportunities. The level of affordability in this project is commendable – the project has a goal that 50% of all units be affordable. In addition to its neighborhood-sensitive, sustainable design, this project will help ensure the socio-economic diversity within Chinatown by providing low- and moderate-income households with access to housing as well as the plethora of benefits that accompany being near jobs, services, and transit in the heart of the City.

In addition to the benefits to future project residents, Parcel 24 will help bring economic and cultural vibrancy back to the surrounding neighborhood. I want Chinatown to remain a socio-economically diverse neighborhood and Parcel 24, with its large number of affordable units, will help realize this priority. The current economic climate has placed a slight constraint on the project, thus making the continuation of DND and NHT funding all the more critical for making this exciting development a reality. Parcel 24's proponents have always engaged the community at every stage of the development and as a community member I proudly continue to support the efforts of Parcel 24 LLC. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,