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Via Email

September 8, 2023

Rebecca Tepper, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Attn: MEPA Office, Nicholas Moreno, MEPA Analyst
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114

Re: Single Environmental Impact Report
EEA No. 16705 (Cape Cod Commission File No. 23012)
Cannery Wharf Park, Provincetown

Dear Secretary Tepper:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the above-referenced Single Environmental Impact Report ("SEIR"). Because the Project requires an EIR, the Project is deemed a Development of Regional Impact ("DRI") under § 12(i) of the Cape Cod Commission Act, c. 716 of the Acts of 1989. Commission staff recently met with the Applicant to discuss the forthcoming DRI Application and expect to begin regulatory review after the Certificate on the SEIR is issued.

In the SEIR, the Applicant addressed Commission staff comments on the EENF relative to the maintenance of the porous pavement. To prevent clogging, regular sweeping and annual pressure washing of the porous surfaces is proposed. Based on the information contained in the SEIR, the Project, and specifically stormwater management, is an improvement over existing conditions.

Commission staff suggest that the Project goals are consistent with Regional Policy Plan ("RPP") goals to preserve and protect natural and community systems. As described in the SEIR, the Project will provide flood protection, improved stormwater management, enhanced habitat with native plantings, ADA-accessible pedestrian connections to the coast, and recreational space in a downtown setting. While the full Commission has not formally reviewed the Project,

the Project appears consistent with the RPP wetlands, coastal resiliency, wildlife and plant habitat, and open space goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Project. Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,



Kristy Senatori
Executive Director

Cc: Project File
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