

May 9, 2022

Bob Mullen, Town Moderator
10 Pearl Street
Stoughton, MA 02072

Re: Article 24 Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Moderator:

I am writing to express support for the proposed Stoughton Center District (SCD) zoning contained in Article 24 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The bylaw has been prepared through a comprehensive public process of meetings before various Town boards and committees, multiple public forums, multiple hearings before the Planning Board and a survey that yielded 800 responses.

The proposed Bylaw will promote future development in the downtown that balances economic development with maintaining the character of the community and protection of the surrounding residential neighborhoods. It will also encourage diversity of uses, buildings and housing option for ALL residents of Stoughton. In addition, it will provide the flexibility to attract creative developments pursuant to the Master Plan Land Use Goal L-2.9 to revise the base zoning requirements of the downtown areas to contain a broad variety and mix of uses, provisions for desired density, placement and vertical definition of buildings and uses, flexible parking standards, street activation and ground floor limitations for active commercial uses.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice support for this important amendment to the Zoning Bylaws, which serve as the foundation for attracting the type of development residents seek for the downtown. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Debra Roberts,
Chair Stoughton Select Board
Precinct 6 Town Meeting Representative