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Zoning Board of Appeals
Chairperson Laura Parrish
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Reference: Zoning Board Meeting Agenda – October 20, 2022
Case 4501 – Tetrault Real Estate, LLC /
Recovery Connection Centers of America, Inc.

Dear Chairperson Parrish and Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

I am writing in reference to the above referenced request which will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, October 20, 2022. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment scheduled for the same date and time. I would however like to offer comments in opposition to Case 4501; a Special Permit under Chapter 9, Comprehensive Zoning for the property located at 268–270 Union Street. The plan submitted indicates that the petitioner proposes to operate the medical clinic at this location which is an allowed use in a Mixed-Use Business District with the issuance of a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Further, the proposal requests that all zoning restrictions be waived to allow the petitioner to operate a medical office which will provide on-site substance abuse treatment in the Mixed-Use Business District.

I strongly oppose the proposed project as presented and ask that you deny the Special Permit being requested. The developer is seeking relief from the City Zoning Code relative to the proposed use of the property indicating that the City of New Bedford must make a reasonable accommodation in the zoning and use of the Union Street property to ensure individuals recovering from substance abuse issues have equal access to treatment services. I ask the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider that the City of New Bedford has previously made reasonable accommodation for individuals seeking treatment services with the approval of seven (7) other treatment facilities that are currently operating within the City of New Bedford.

For this reason, I would like to be recorded in opposition to the Special Permit petition before you. Kindly read this letter into the meeting's official record to make those in attendance and the general public aware of my opposition to Case 4501.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this correspondence.

Sincerely,


Linda M. Morad
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xc: Ward 4 City Councillor Derek Baptiste