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Metropolitan of Boston

October 14, 2014

Robert Shortsleeve, Chairman
City of Boston Zoning Board of Appeal
Inspectional Services Department
1010 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
Fax #: (617) 635-2918

Re: 316 Shawmut Avenue, Boston, MA

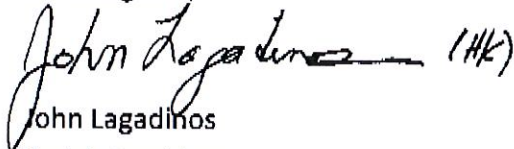
Dear Chairman. Shortsleeve,

As abutters to the property at 316 Shawmut Avenue, we, the parish of St. John the Baptist, are writing to express our strong objection to the development of 316 Shawmut Avenue as increased residential space and a ground level office.

After reviewing the plans, we believe this development will not only be detrimental to our historical church and parish community, but will also be detrimental to the surrounding area. As one of the oldest churches (built in 1862) and continuous house of worship in the area, we hope to continue to hold services and be a part of the South End neighborhood for many generations to come. We feel that the encroachment of this development would negatively impact the church, the beauty of the surrounding area, and the community.

Please kindly register us in opposition to the proposed development. Thank you.

Best Regards,

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John Lagadinis
Parish President

cc: Jordan Deasy, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services
City Councilor Bill Linehan
Megan Haggerty, Mayor's Liaison for the South End Landmarks Commission