

## 765 Congress St PL-000064-2018

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I would like to express my concern regarding the conversion of 765 Congress Street into four residential units. (Plan #PL-000064-2018).

I am glad to see there is an effort being made for off-street parking spaces. However, I am concerned that they are leased from someone else, and not part of the 765 Congress St property itself. The term "Option to lease parking" implies that parking off-street is optional and not guaranteed. Who leases the spaces? The landlord? The tenant? What if someone decides they don't want to pay for a space? or does it come with the apartment? The point I am trying to make is that there is heavy competition for on-street parking spaces, especially when the city restricts parking once a week during the fall/winter months. Anytime there is an addition to the area, whether it is a new business or housing, there is an increased need for on-street parking. Perhaps it would be possible to lease more spaces, or perhaps actually buy the land for spaces that belong to the property in question. Parking is a serious concern in the area and as someone who has lived here for over 30 years and has had to park on the street, it is something that has to be carefully considered, for both residents already in the area, and for the people coming in to the area.

Thank You,

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