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Subject: HSAC Report on BZA Case 165777

Importance: High

Hi Maria (copy Barry and Ting-Ho),

Last night, the Harvard Square Advisory Committee (HSAC) discussed the special permit application by Gong Cha to operate a Formula Business Fast Order/Quick-Service Food Establishment at 50 Church Street (BZA case 165777). Since the BZA hearing for that case is tonight, the HSAC asked that I send an email with a summary report of their discussion.

The HSAC supports the application and noted that the business will be replacing a similar establishment. They recommended that the BZA approve the special permit with a condition that the signage remain as presented in the application. Specifically, HSAC members expressed a desire to maximize window transparency to maintain a connection between the public realm and the interior space. Nine members voted in favor of this recommendation; one member abstained.

Could you please forward this to the BZA?

Thanks!
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