



October 16, 2020

Catherine Preston Connolly, Chair
Cambridge Planning Board
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Re: Special Permit #319, 605 Concord Ave.

Dear Chair Connolly,

Please accept this request, on behalf of Abodez Acorn Concord LLC, to extend the 605 Concord Ave. Special Permit #319 expiration date by one (1) year. The current expiration date is December 21, 2020.

The reason for this extension request is twofold:

1. We experienced some delays in the Building Permit review process over the past several months, in part due to the Coronavirus shutdown in the City of Cambridge. To date, we have received almost all department signoffs on our Building Permit application (including CDD, Traffic, Fire, DPW, Inclusionary Zoning), so that the final ISD review is ready to begin.
2. Last summer, Carewell Urgent Care, (the medical tenant in our adjacent 603 Concord Ave. property), received a contract with the State of Massachusetts to do Covid-19 testing. They have since been testing patients, sometimes over 500 per day. It quickly became apparent that having long lines of patients “socially distanced” on the public sidewalks outside of Carewell presented a health hazard to the community. We needed to mitigate this hazard by having patients wait in lines on the vacant 605 Concord property, away from the general public, per the request of Cambridge Inspectional Services. We expect that the requirement for this accommodation will decrease over time as the Coronavirus abates and demand for testing wanes. Until that time, it may be difficult to begin demolition on the 605 Concord site.



Thank you for your consideration and assistance. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Terzis', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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