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A SENSE OF THE STUDENT SENATE REGARDING GRANDMARC ON ST. BOTOLPH STREET

WHEREAS, The Northeastern University Institutional Master Plan (IMP) is an agreement collaborated on by the University, the community, and the city of Boston; **AND**

WHEREAS, There is a lack of adequate and affordable undergraduate student housing at Northeastern University; **AND**

WHEREAS, The IMP has outlined a plan to dramatically increase available student housing on campus; **AND**

WHEREAS, The IMP includes plans for a 22-story residence hall at the current site of Cullinane Hall and future development on the eastern side of campus; **AND**

WHEREAS, Lincoln Property Company and Phoenix Property Company have formally proposed to construct GrandMarc on St. Botolph Street, a 1,140-bed housing structure targeting students and faculty at local universities, but open to all community members on a per bed basis; **AND**

WHEREAS, Phoenix Property Company has built similar structures in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Riverside, California; and Fort Worth, Texas; **AND**

WHEREAS, Students residing in other GrandMarc buildings have issued numerous complaints of poor construction, services, security, and customer service; **AND**

WHEREAS, Members of the community, as individuals and collectively, have opposed the project; **THEREFORE**

IT IS THE SENSE OF THE STUDENT SENATE

That the Boston Redevelopment Authority reject proposals from Lincoln Property Company and Phoenix Property Company to build GrandMarc on St. Botolph Street or at any location near Northeastern University; **AND**

That Northeastern University publicly oppose GrandMarc on St. Botolph Street or at any location near Northeastern University; **AND**

That the Student Government Association be actively involved in the development of future Institutional Master Plans.

Respectfully submitted to the Student Senate with the support of the Student Services Committee,

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Ryan J. Fox Senator, College of Engineering	Christopher D. Bourne Vice President for Student Services

Attest:

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Ashley E. Benjamin Vice President for Administration and Public Relations	Joseph Fiore President

___ Yes
___ No
___ Abstain
Date: _____