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Mary De Alderete, Town Clerk Town of Lancaster 695 Main Street, Suite 2 Lancaster, MA 01523

Re: Lancaster Special Town Meeting of November 6, 2017 -- Case # 8690 Warrant Article # 1 (Zoning)

Dear Ms. De Alderete:

<u>Article 1</u> - We approve Article 1 from the November 6, 2017 Lancaster Special Town Meeting.

<u>Note</u>: Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the Town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) <u>general</u> by-laws and amendments take effect on the date these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) <u>zoning</u> by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were approved by the Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

Very truly yours,

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