



April 19, 2023

Hon. Elizabeth J. Kazinskas, Council President
 And City Councilors
 Gardner City Hall, Rm 121
 95 Pleasant Street
 Gardner, MA 01440

RE: Submission of Zoning Amendment Proposal- An Ordinance to Amend The Code Of The City Of Gardner, Chapter 675 Thereof, Entitled "Zoning," add "Sports Betting" to the Zoning Table of Uses.

Dear Madam President and Colleagues,

At the April 18th, 2023 Meeting of the City Council, we voted to grant the Mayor Leave to withdraw Item 10892 due to concerns regarding the process outlined in Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the General Laws.

We believe this proposal to have been in the best interest of the City of Gardner, as a way to build our economic base, provide for our residents, and plan for our future. We cannot stay stagnant as a City and must continue to do everything we can to better Gardner for ourselves and future generations of Gardnerites – which is what we believe this original proposal provided for the City.

Whereas Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws states that the City Council may initiate Zoning Amendments, we, as City Councilors, working in the best interest of the City and our Constituents, propose this ordinance and request that the City Council refer this Item to the Planning Board and schedule a joint public hearing.

We have attached the relevant section of the General Laws and the original proposal submitted by Mayor Nicholson that was formally withdrawn and removed by the City Council to this correspondence for supporting materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Ward 2 Councilor

Karen Hardern
 Ward 4 Councilor

Paul Tassone
 Ward 3 Councilor

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 Councilor At-Large

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 Councilor At-Large