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Planning Board Members,

3/22/16

RE: Comment on 169 Newbury St. project

My name is Patricia Erikson, Ph.D. and I am a property owner at 137 Newbury Street. I apologize that I could not stay to offer comment verbally. I would like to offer two concerns about this project, in the context of the fact that there are three other projects occurring or have just occurred on Newbury. My concerns are:

- 1) exterior aesthetics of building
- 2) impact on street parking

1) As you may know, the aesthetics of the other condo buildings (particularly the colored metal siding) has not been received well by residents. There is concern that this is becoming the "new normal" for this neighborhood. I hope that is not the exterior planned for this building as well.

2) Each condo building (in particular the parking garage egress) has permanently removed parking spaces from Newbury Street for residents to use. In addition, island residents who cannot park near Orange Gate spill into parking in the Newbury/Little Italy neighborhood. The <sup>169 Newbury</sup> plan states that residents will be walking + biking and there is little concern for pre-existing residents in the neighborhood who have no off-street parking. If parking spaces are being absorbed on Newbury then new street parking spaces should be opened on

India Street or elsewhere and it should be the same kind of parking that allows 2 hour and overnight parking that residents need to live in downtown Portland while owning cars. Paying over \$100/month for garage parking is not an acceptable impact upon neighborhood residents who already live on Newbury Street.

Thank you

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