

August 2, 2013

Mr. Greg Shinberg Shinberg Consulting, LLC 477 Congress Street, Suite 1012 Portland, ME 04101

Subject: Hyatt Place - Portland Old Port Restaurant / Bar

Dear Greg,

I am writing you in response to Barbara Barhydt's letter dated February 6, 2013 written in her capacity as Acting Planning Division Director. As we have discussed, the Restaurant / Bar in the Hyatt Place – Portland Old Port currently under construction is required by the Hyatt Place brand standards and will be operated by the hotel manager, Commonwealth Hotels, as part of the hotel operation.

The space is (as Ms. Barhydt noted) "an ancillary use of the hotel". One of the strengths of the hotel's location in the historic Old Port is its proximity to exceptional restaurants and we expect our guests will also support these establishments. In such an environment, we do not expect to be a destination for many local diners but rather an amenity for our hotel guests.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian F

Vice President Development