

November 15, 2012

**Mr. William Tuttle, Director
Office of Real Estate Development
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
State Transportation Building
Ten Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116**

RE: PARCEL 9 DESIGNATION – ADDENDUM 2/ BEST AND FINAL OFFER

Dear Mr. Tuttle:

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the officers and members of the Haymarket Pushcart Association (HPA) to express our concerns with respect to the recently issued Addendum 2 to the Parcel 9 RFP.

As you know, after careful consideration of all of the variables, the HPA voted to express its strong recommendation that the designation for Parcel 9 be awarded to **Blackstone Market LLC**.

The text of Addendum 2 implies that a hotel complex could be an acceptable use of the site. In the eyes of the HPA this is just not possible and is completely in contravention of the expressed wishes of the community, the City of Boston, the BRA, all of the local public officials and the HPA. Unanimously, these parties have indicated that only the Blackstone Market LLC proposal achieves the desired objective of an expansion of the “Market District”. The hotel proposal does not – and cannot - do so. The drawbacks in the hotel proposal emanate from its use and scale and are not such as to be correctable in a BAFO.

For these reasons, as well as the additional reasons expressed in my June 2 letter to you, I must reiterate that **ONLY** the proposal submitted by **Blackstone Market LLC** meets the criteria articulated in the RFP and has the support of the HPA and the other parties identified above.

Sincerely,

Otto Gallotto, President
Haymarket Pushcart Association