



May 29, 2020

Dear Needham Town Meeting member:

We are writing to you to provide information about a warrant article to be introduced at Town Meeting—**Citizen's Petition/Amend Zoning By-Law—Pediatric Medical Facility in New England Business Center District**—and to ask for your support of this warrant article.

Boston Children's Hospital is exploring an opportunity to create a new satellite facility in Needham. The zoning amendment is to allow for ambulatory pediatric use and to align the required number of available parking spaces per square foot to a pediatric medical facility. If the proposed zoning change is approved by Town Meeting, Boston Children's Hospital will file a special permit application with the Planning Board. The Planning Board will require detailed plans and documentation regarding building design, parking, traffic, staffing and operations, and utility access, and public hearings will be held as part of the special permit review process.

Boston Children's is committed to providing the highest quality care in the most convenient locations for our patients and their families. To deliver this care close to home, we have developed a broad network of integrated care delivered through satellite facilities and a network of affiliated primary care practices. The potential location in Needham would provide pediatric specialty care, such as orthopedics, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, and imaging, and serve as the location for a new pediatric ambulatory surgical facility. We expect to provide over 60,000 visits per year at this site, drawing patients not only from the local community but also from across Massachusetts and beyond.

In addition to access to pediatric specialty services in a lower-cost setting close to home, a new Boston Children's facility will provide substantial benefits to the children and families of Needham and the surrounding communities, most notably through valuable partnerships with Needham public schools and youth-focused organizations.

Over the past several months, we have presented to the Select Board, Planning Board, and Finance Committee and met with many town leaders to discuss our proposal for a new facility, which will be located in the New England Business Center within the town's Innovation District and adjacent to Trip Advisor. We continue to engage in planning and due diligence to determine how best to serve our patients and their families with the high quality care that is expected from Boston Children's Hospital and ensure we have the right resources to meet their needs. We look forward to continuing our conversations with town leaders, committees, boards and community members in Needham in the coming months.

We are excited about the potential to become part of the Needham community, and we hope to have your support at Town Meeting. We will be mailing additional information to you, via the US Postal Service, in advance of Town Meeting. If you would like additional information about our proposed facility in Needham, we invite you to visit bostonchildrens.org/needham.

Best,

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