

CHARLES RIVER

REGIONAL CHAMBER

J. Randolph Becker
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals
525 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA 02482

Aug. 18, 2025

Dear Chairman Becker,

On behalf of the Charles River Regional Chamber, I wish to express our support for Babson College's proposed Executive Lodge and Conference Center (ELCC).

Babson College has long been a valued member of our regional business community and a collaborative partner in advancing economic development, education, and innovation. The proposed ELCC is an important investment in both the college's mission and the broader Wellesley community.

This new facility will provide state-of-the-art space for executive education, professional convenings, and community engagement. As a nonprofit that regularly hosts events in Wellesley, we understand firsthand the need for a new, modern event space, and this project will help fill that gap. It will also offer lodging and amenities that can serve local businesses, residents, and visitors, enhancing the town's infrastructure and economic vitality.

Although much has been made about the sustainability provisions in the building, the chamber believes Babson has done its due diligence to make the project nearly completely electric, reflecting a modern approach to construction.

We believe the ELCC will be a tremendous asset to Wellesley and the region, and we urge the Board to support this important initiative.

Sincerely,



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