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## **B'nai B'rith Housing and Hebrew SeniorLife Interested in Potential Redevelopment of Kent/Station Street Lot in Brookline**



*Aerial shot of the Kent/Station Street Municipal Parking Lot in Brookline, which B'nai B'rith Housing and Hebrew SeniorLife hope to redevelop.*

(BRIGHTON, MA) -- B'nai B'rith Housing (BBH) and Hebrew SeniorLife (HSL) recently came together to respond to the Town of Brookline's Request for Information for the potential redevelopment of the Kent/Station Street Municipal Parking Lot.

B'nai B'rith Housing is a Massachusetts nonprofit whose mission is to produce affordable, non-sectarian housing to ease the housing crisis in the Greater Boston area. Founded in 1903, Hebrew SeniorLife is a nonprofit, non-sectarian organization that provides housing and health care for seniors, educates geriatric care providers, and in conjunction with Harvard Medical School, does research on aging.

BBH and HSL hope to create a service-enriched, mixed-income community that will primarily meet the needs of Brookline's seniors and older adults who are focused on aging well in community. Upon preliminary analysis, the BBH and HSL team believes that the site could support as many as 65 apartments, of which the majority could be affordable. The team also believes that they would be able to maintain all of the on-site municipal parking that is currently used by the public. B'nai B'rith Housing

Executive Director, Susan Gittelman says, *“This potential redevelopment represents a unique opportunity to work with the Town and the neighborhood in a concerted effort to bring much-needed affordable and market rental housing for seniors and older adults in Brookline.”*

Together, BBH and HSL represent a uniquely qualified team with extensive experience in real estate development, construction, and management as well as a shared commitment to providing service-enriched housing of the highest quality to residents regardless of their race, religion, or socio-economic status. BBH and HSL are excited about the opportunity to partner with the Town of Brookline on this potential redevelopment, which would complement the service-enriched housing that B’nai B’rith Housing has created in Boston, and Sudbury, and the work that Hebrew SeniorLife has done across its portfolio, including the Center Communities of Brookline.

According to projections from the Donahue Institute at UMass Amherst, the number of adults over the age of 55 in the Town of Brookline is expected to increase 36% by 2035, which will make this age group nearly a third of Brookline’s adult population. In an effort to meet the needs of the growing senior population, Brookline has joined the World Health Organization’s (WHO) network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, and is actively seeking to increase the supply of senior-friendly housing and foster an age-friendly community.

*“We commend the Town of Brookline for making housing a priority and we are excited by the prospect of working with the Town to create a highly desirable senior housing option that responds to local need,”* remarks Gittelman.

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### **About B’nai B’rith Housing**

*B’nai B’rith Housing (BBH) is a regional nonprofit housing developer whose mission is to ease the housing crisis in the Greater Boston area. BBH works with cities and towns to create economically viable, affordable housing options which respond to the needs and aspirations of each community. BBH’s award-winning housing developments, both rental and homeownership, are for young families and older adults, regardless of religion or background.*

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### **About Hebrew Senior Life**

*HSL is dedicated to changing what it means to age now and for future generations. HSL recognizes that, in the coming decades, an unprecedented number of seniors will want, need, and deserve more services than are currently available. Coupled with the increased need for services, older adults increasingly want and expect to live out their senior years to the fullest. HSL is redefining the experience of aging by reimagining alternative possibilities. To learn more, visit <http://www.hebrewseniorlife.org>.*