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Friends and Fellow Stakeholders of the FSILG Community:

This email is to update you on the status of the assembly occupancy plans for the City of Boston Inspectional Services Department (ISD). As we last reported to you, the AILG and MIT (DSL) have jointly hired two architectural firms to inspect all of the Boston houses and prepare the required occupancy calculations and plans for submission to the City. We also retained a code consultant to assist the architects in understanding how to apply the code to our old buildings. All but one of the 25 Boston properties have been visited (the final house will be visited today or tomorrow), and the plans and calculations are in progress.

Some organizations have already received draft copies of the assembly occupancy calculations and plans for their review; the rest should be available by the end of next week. Your SLI contacts will receive a notice from the Fraternal Cooperative (FCI) when the plans are available for review in your FCI lockers. We are hoping to submit the required documents for all Boston organizations to ISD at one time, on Friday 19 December.

Meanwhile, Dean Henry Humphreys has been in contact with the Commissioner of Boston ISD, in order to help smooth the way for a prompt review by the City. Our great hope and expectation is that all groups will have new assembly occupancy permits issued by ISD before the start of the spring semester.

If your chapter / ILG would like to increase the occupancy calculated by the architect, Dean Humphreys has offered to have a member of his staff who is familiar with the code requirements review your facility and the plans and suggest ways that the occupant load might be increased. Of course, your organization can also hire an architect or code consultant on your own to do this work. If you do decide to make changes, a building permit will have to be applied for, then after the changes are completed, you will have to re-submit new occupancy plans for re-review by the City.

Once the Boston property reviews are complete, we will move on to reviewing the Cambridge and Brookline houses using the same methodology. Even though Cambridge and Brookline do not require submission of plans, MIT and the AILG want to make sure that all of our FSILGs have maximum safe occupant loads that are consistent with code requirements.

Thank you,

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