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Subject: MIT FSILG Community - Update on Boston Occupancy Issue

Dear IFC, Panhel, LGC, and AILG leaders:

We have good progress to report from today's meeting with Boston's Inspectional Services Department (ISD) to review Boston occupancy limits. Sarah Gallop of MIT's Government Relations, the MIT/AILG code consultant, and the three of us met with ISD officials to review the plans and accessory occupancy numbers the code consultant had updated based on ISD comments at our previous meeting on April 4. We left the meeting with the understanding that ISD felt the revised methodology was generally satisfactory. They will now review the code consultant's detailed occupancy calculations and drawings, and hopefully, issue updated Certificates of Inspection (CIs) with accessory use occupancy figures within 30 days.

From the discussion today, we were left with the impression that ISD may find that some of the occupancy figures we presented are too high, and that they will probably adjust them in their review. As a result, we expect there may be some downward revision in the numbers shown on the CIs from those we distributed to the alumni house corporations for review on April 2. In addition, ISD noted that the Boston Fire Department would also be given the opportunity to review the information.

Our hope is to have everything clarified and approved within the next month. We also advised ISD of the Reunion/Commencement gatherings many FSILGs host in early June. ISD has no issue with those events, so we can proceed as in past years with these alumni and parent gatherings. **Until we have new CIs issued, however, the current assembly limitations remain in effect.**

One other thing to note: ISD stated that for larger parties and other events, each organization should have a certified crowd manager present. We are investigating what constitutes a "large event" and what the certification requires. We will provide more information as soon as we have it.

We will advise you as soon as possible when the final numbers are received or if further action is required by our community.

Thank you for your continued understanding, cooperation, and patience.

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