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Mr. Matthew Perkins, Chairman
Town of Hanover; Zoning Board of Appeals
550 Hanover Street
Hanover MA 02339

Subject: Hanover Crossing

Dear Chairman Perkins and Board Members:

As President & CEO of the South Shore YMCA, I have a strong interest in a vibrant Rte. 53 corridor. The Emilson YMCA has established itself as an important part of the Hanover community by providing many services to the youth, families and seniors. Strong neighborhoods and strong businesses and YMCAs help create strong communities.

My understanding is that our neighbor PREP has filed with your board for two variances and will then file with the Planning Board for a Special Permit. Also, I understand PREP is working with the Hanover Co to build 297 luxury apartments as part of the mixed-use project. I know the Hanover Co well as they constructed a development in my home town of Swampscott and delivered a great product.

The YMCA membership will benefit from the active new residential addition. As I see in similar projects around the area, the population of this type of residential will be young millennials and empty nesters who are looking to downsize and stay in Hanover. As empty nesters sell their homes, that opens the market for new, young families to purchase the homes and raise their children in the great community. These new families will also enjoy what the Y has to offer.

The YMCA and the Mall have always maintained a great relationship and have collaborated on projects throughout. I feel the Town of Hanover has an opportunity to support a development of a healthy lifestyle community with Prep and the mall, the Hanover Co. and the apartments and of course the YMCA.

As an abutter and friend to the Hanover Mall, I feel the requested relief is minor and will not affect surrounding properties including the Y and I strongly support the proposal and urge you to support it.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Gorman
President & CEO
South Shore YMCA

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