



## For Immediate Release

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### Statement from Pine Street Inn and The Community Builders

- [The Community Builders](#) (TCB), a leading nonprofit developer of mixed-income housing, and [Pine Street Inn](#) (PSI), New England's largest homeless services agency, have an agreement in place with an abutting commercial property owner concerning the Pine Street-owned property at 3368 Washington Street in Jamaica Plain. The abutter had brought a lawsuit challenging the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals' (ZBA) unanimous approval of the zoning variance for the project.
- This step forward is especially critical at this time, given that the building will provide much-needed 202 affordable rental apartment homes, including 62 income-restricted for families and 140 units of permanent housing for vulnerable men and women moving out of homelessness. The property will be managed by TCB with services provided by Pine Street.
- We pursued resolution of this situation, and it went into mediation which led to an agreement on several issues. We will now move ahead with the project, with an anticipated timeline of closing and beginning construction in summer 2021.
- While we do expect that costs on the project will be somewhat higher, due to increases in materials costs during the passage of time, we are pleased to now move on to the final phase of bidding.
- The settlement does not change the building we will build or impact the priorities or the programs that the community supported. This is a big win for the larger community, and we greatly appreciate their outpouring of support.
- The new building will replace the existing PSI warehouse/office building and create 202 income-restricted apartment homes, 140 of which will have support services for men and women moving out of homelessness. The design, by Boston-based [RODE Architects](#), includes an estimated 18,000 square feet of office space on the ground floor, along with community space and amenities for residents.

## **About The Community Builders**

The Community Builders (TCB) is one of America's leading nonprofit housing organizations. Our mission is to build and sustain strong communities where all people can thrive.. We realize our mission by developing, financing and operating residential communities, neighborhood amenities and resident opportunity programs. Since 1964, we have constructed or preserved hundreds of affordable and mixed-income housing developments and pioneered the Community Life (CL) model for resident success. Today, anchored by offices in Boston, Chicago, Columbus, New York and Washington, D.C., we own or manage 13,000 apartment homes in more than 14 states. [www.tcbinc.org](http://www.tcbinc.org)

## **About Pine Street Inn**

Founded in 1969, Pine Street Inn is the largest homeless services provider in New England, offering a comprehensive range of services to nearly 2,000 men and women each day, including permanent housing, workforce development, emergency shelter and street outreach. Our goal is to end homelessness by making permanent housing a reality for all, as we support men and women in moving off the streets, out of shelter into a permanent home, reconnecting with the community and reaching their highest level of independence. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. [www.pinestreetinn.org](http://www.pinestreetinn.org).

## **About RODE Architects**

RODE Architects is a Boston-based design and architecture firm whose collaborative process delivers inspired, transformative work. Founded in 2006 by Principals Kevin Deabler and Eric Robinson, the RODE team of multi-skilled individuals comes together to make positive change in the communities in which they live and work. Capabilities include architecture, interiors, urban planning, project management and more. The firm specializes in design solutions for a broad array of project types including mixed-use, hospitality, multi-family, commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings. Clients select RODE to drive the design process and ensure their vision is realized. For more information and to be inspired visit [www.rodearchitects.com](http://www.rodearchitects.com).

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