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Mr. Marc D. Draisen, Executive Director
Metropolitan Area Planning Council
60 Temple Place, 6th floor
Boston, MA 02111

Dear Mr. Draisen:

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40B, section 24, I hereby appoint _____ as the City/ Town of Acton's Alternate Representative to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Said appointment shall be for a term to end [**must exactly track the appointment date and expiration date of the Representative**].

Sincerely,

Mayor/ Town Administrator/ Chairman Board of Selectmen

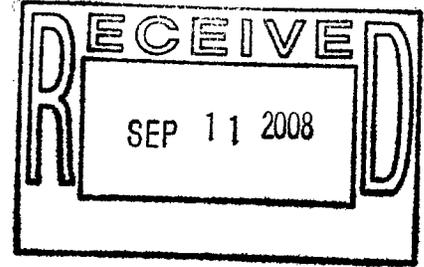
(NOTE: If you have a question about the term of your MAPC Representative, please contact Tom Hauenstein (THauenstein@mapc.org) with your question).



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September 10, 2008

Ms. Lauren Rosenzweig
Chair, Board of Selectmen
Town of Acton
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Ms. Rosenzweig:

The term of Acton's representative to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) expired on June 30, 2008. It is my hope that the Town will continue its participation on the Council by appointing a representative for a three-year term, and I have outlined this process below.

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40B, Section 24, when the term of an appointed member expires, his/her successor shall be appointed in a like manner for a **term of three years**. This term should commence on the date of appointment and must comply with the statute in order to be considered valid.

We recommend that the Town select an elected or appointed official or resident who can effectively represent Acton's interests in the regional arena, and who will appropriately report back to the Town on issues discussed at MAPC. Please be aware that in the capacity of Council representative, individuals hold a statutory office and are considered to be special state employees within the meaning of various statutes, including the Conflict of Interest Law.

This is an exciting time for metropolitan collaboration and MAPC is rising to its challenges. We are excited to be involved in programs such as these:

- The comprehensive regional plan for metro Boston, known as "MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region," was adopted by the Council on May 28, 2008, after a public participation process involving over 4,000 people. We are now working on an implementation strategy, to be completed by October. For further info on MetroFuture, see the project website, www.MetroFuture.org, or contact Amy Cotter at acotter@mapc.org.
- MAPC provides top-notch technical assistance to its member communities – drafting zoning bylaws, preparing applications to state government, helping communities to prepare for natural or man-made disasters, protecting water supplies, establishing 40R or 43D districts, etc. Often, MAPC can cover all or part of the costs of these efforts – so please contact Mark Racicot on our staff if we can help you with any such projects. Mark can be reached by email at mracicot@mapc.org.
- The Council has an active legislative agenda, overseen by its Legislative Committee. Currently, we are actively engaged in efforts to reform the process by which the Commonwealth disposes of surplus state land. Our legislative director, Joel Barrera, would be glad to involve you in our work "on the Hill." He can be reached at jbarrera@mapc.org.

Jay Ash, *President* Michelle Ciccolo, *Vice President* Grace S. Shepard, *Treasurer* Marilyn Contreas, *Secretary*

Marc D. Draisen, *Executive Director*

- As vice chair of the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Barbara Lucas plays an active role in making sure that the voice of our member communities is heard in state deliberations on transportation policies and capital projects. She can be reached at blucas@mapc.org.
- We continue to assist communities in the bulk purchase of goods and services. For further details on how your city or town can save money and time through these efforts, contact Steve Daly at sdaly@mapc.org.

I would also like to point out that the Town has the option of appointing an Alternate member to serve conterminously with the term of the Representative. Details on this process are enclosed with this letter.

You can learn more about MAPC's ongoing activities by consulting our website, www.mapc.org.

MAPC takes pride in playing a critical role to promote sustainable growth and inter-local cooperation across the region. We value Acton's involvement in deliberations about the region's physical, social and economic condition, and we need your participation. We look forward to the involvement of your new appointee.

Please address any questions regarding the appointment process to Thomas Hauenstein, Manager of Human Resources, at (617) 451-2770, ext. 2072 or thauenstein@mapc.org. Or, if you have broader questions about the role of MAPC and its Council members, feel free to call me directly at x5005, or contact me by email at mdraisen@mapc.org. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,



Marc D. Draisen
Executive Director