

# **Agenda**

- Introduction
- 2 Development Economics Primer
- 3 Market Overview
- 4 Union Square Strategy



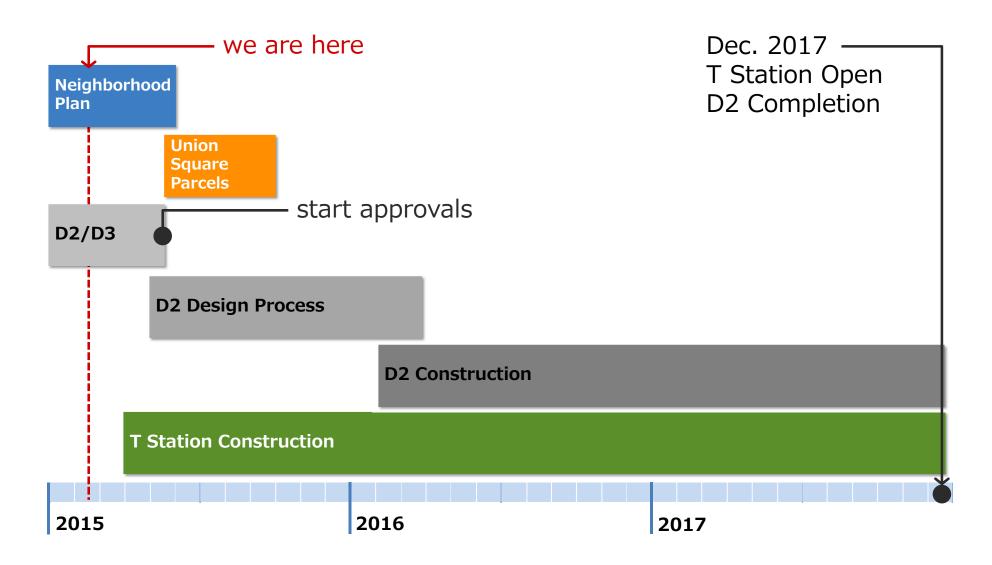
### **Our Mission**



Collaborate to create a viable and vital development plan that realizes SomerVision's goals for the Union Square neighborhood



## **Our Schedule**



## **February Workshops**

Development opportunities and realities

- 1 Placemaking, Retail, Public Realm, Art February 4
- **2** Creating an Employment Center in Union Square February 11
- 3 Project Realities February 18
- 4 Giving Shape to D2/D3 February 25







# Today's workshop addresses a community goal: create jobs

In 10 years, what should be different in Union Square?

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Space for nonprofits and offices to increase daytime action to support businesses

opportunity for jobs and housing

MORE COMMERCIAL BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT FOOTBRINT

Bring a large employer like
Harvard Vanguard in Davis—
ideally one that provides a
valuable public service.

JOBS!!!

D3: Could be more office oriented

#### **Your Vision**





City-wide Goal: **30,000 New Jobs** as part of a responsible plan to create opportunity for all Somerville workers and entrepreneurs

#### **Your Vision**



Transform key opportunity areas, such as...

Boynton Yards, and the southeastern portion of
Union Square into dynamic, mixed-use and
transit-oriented districts that serve as economic
engines and complement the neighborhoods of
Somerville.

#### The SomerVision Numbers: Share of Job Growth

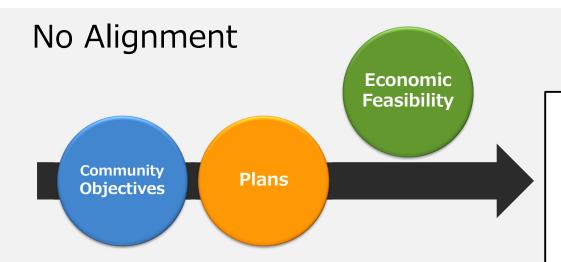
|                 | Share of City<br>Growth | New<br>Jobs | New Commercial<br>Square Feet |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Assembly Square | 29%                     | 8,500 jobs  | 3 million                     |
| Inner Belt      | 26%                     | 8,000 jobs  | 2.8 million                   |
| Brickbottom     | 15%                     | 4,500 jobs  | 1.6 million                   |
| Boynton Yards   | 8%                      | 2,500 jobs  | 0.9 million                   |
| Union Square    | 6%                      | 1,800 jobs  | 0.6 million                   |
| Total           | 85%                     | 25,500 jobs | 9 million                     |

SomerVision - Somerville's Comprehensive Plan



How do we ensure our collaboration yields a plan that meets community objectives and is financially feasible?

## **Getting to Success**



#### **REPORT**

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#### Alignment







#### **RESULTS**

Live, work, play
Community benefits
Taxes
Jobs
Housing

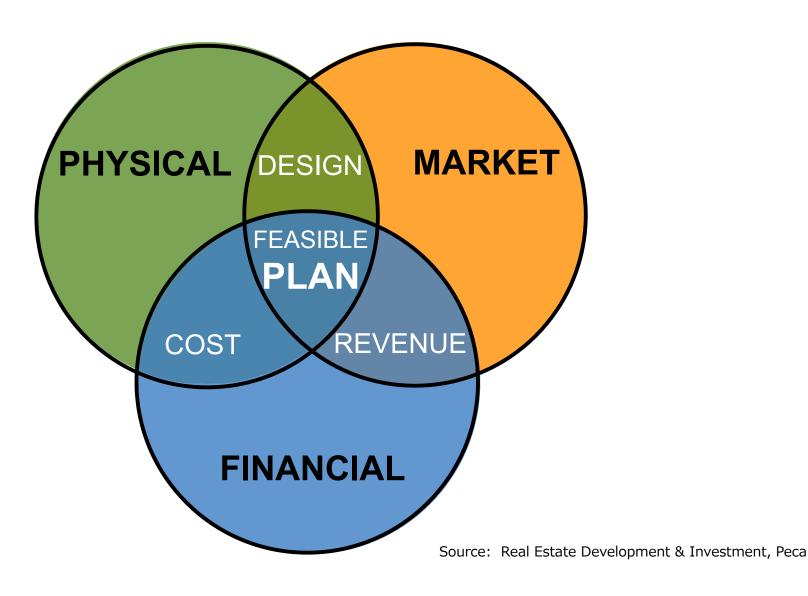
## What triggers private development?

A "feasible" project that has sufficient economic return to cause lenders to provide loans, equity investors to invest and developers to risk their resources.

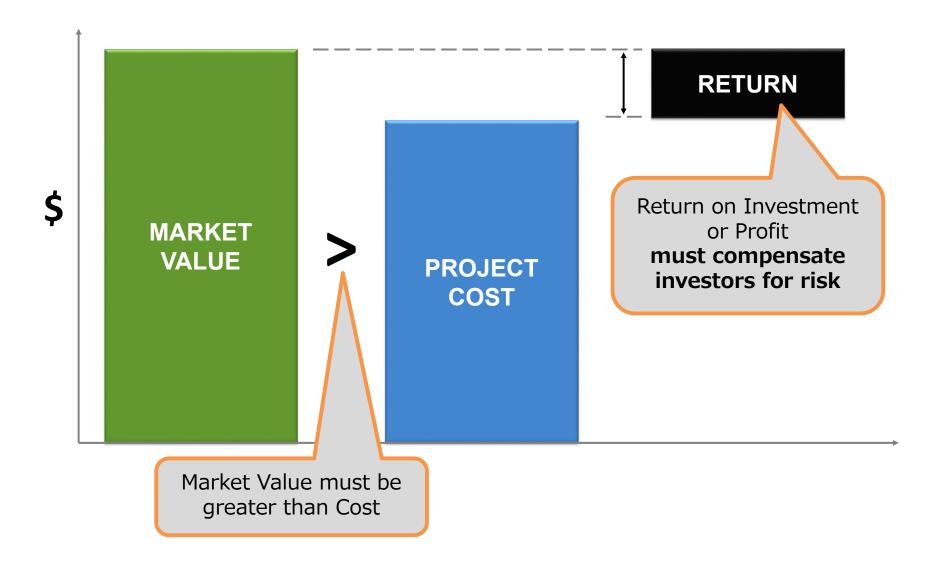
# In the planning process, the developer represents the future occupants of the building.

Developers put their capital at risk, believing that they can deliver the buildings & environment that tenants will want to lease and at an acceptable price.

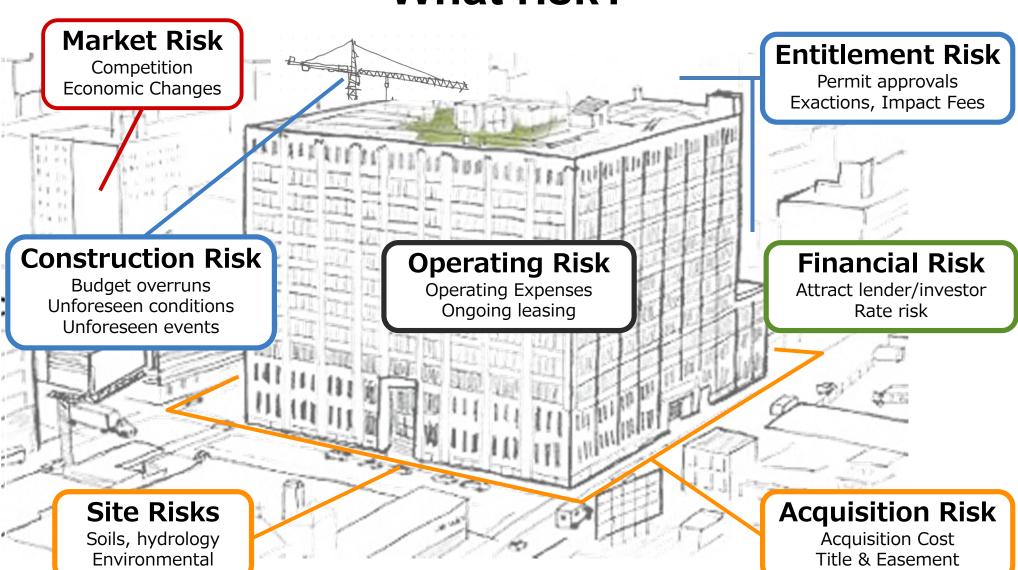
## How does development work?



## Investor return requirements drive feasibility



### What risk?



#### **Market Value**



### **Market Value Drivers**

**Rents & escalation** 

Capital markets risk



Occupancy

Tenant credit

Real estate market risk

## **Project Cost Components**



- Land Acquisition
- Hard Costs
  - Construction
  - Environmental remediation
  - Infrastructure
- Soft Costs
  - Architecture/Engineering
  - Legal
  - Permits
  - Marketing
  - Management
- Financing Cost
- Community Benefits

### "D" Block Cost Considerations

- Construction Types
  - Wood frame or steel/concrete
- Parking
  - Counts
  - Format (surface/structure, above/below grade)
- Environmental Remediation
- Geotechnical
- Infrastructure and Site Costs
- Community Benefits

## Implications of Project Scale

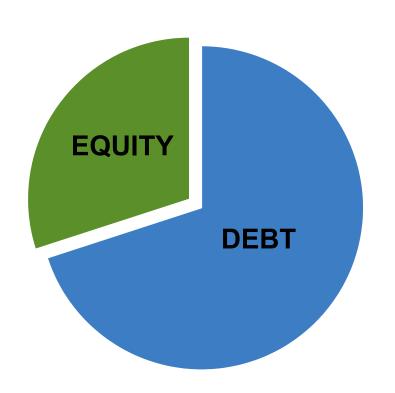
The larger the scale and/or density of the overall project, the greater the opportunity to provide more master improvements or community benefits.

These fixed costs can be amortized (spread out) over a larger number of development square feet.

## Who funds development projects?

#### **Investors**

- Invests money
- Repaid last
- Developer, RE Funds, Life Cos., REITS, etc.
- Often a partnership:
  - Developer provides riskiest capital, expertise, guarantees, takes on greatest risk
  - Investor provides capital, balance sheet, relationships



#### Lenders

- Loans money
- Repaid first
- Institutions: Banks, Insurance Cos., etc.

#### **Alternative Sources**

Grants, government programs (e.g., tax credits), subsidies, etc

# What do investors and lenders require before funding a project?

- Solid development plan
- Strength of developer
- Pre-leasing / market certainty
- Sufficient debt coverage
- Sufficient returns on cost and on investment

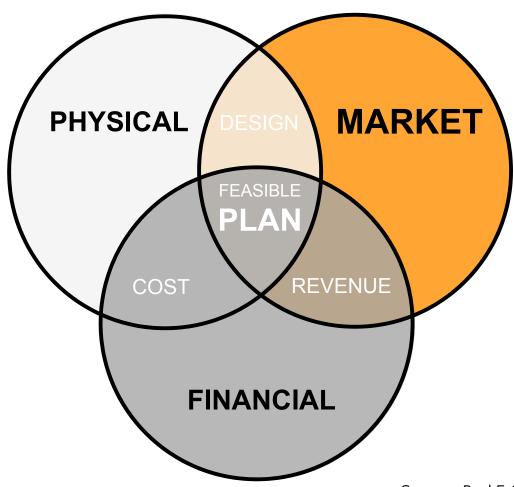
## Summary

- Community-based plan + economically feasible = success
- Feasible developments
  - respond to a market need
  - create market value that exceeds cost
- Investors, lenders & developers require financial return to accept development risk
- Increase scale and density provide greater opportunity for master improvements and community benefits

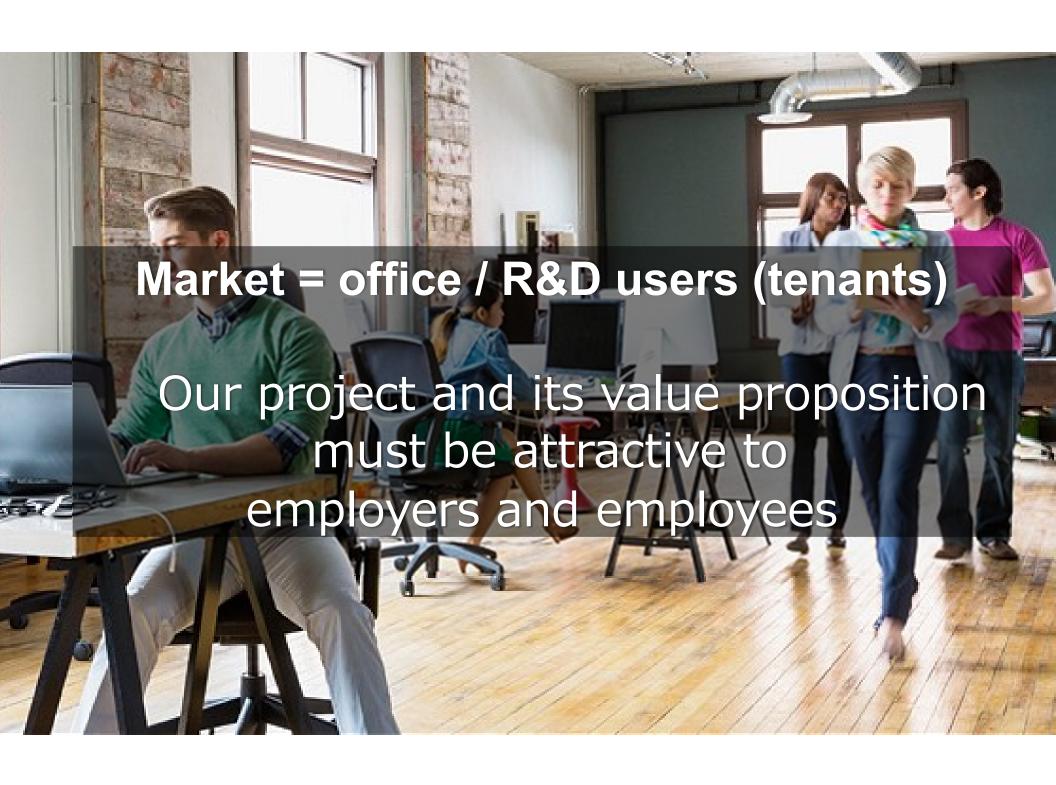




# Creating an employment center starts with the market

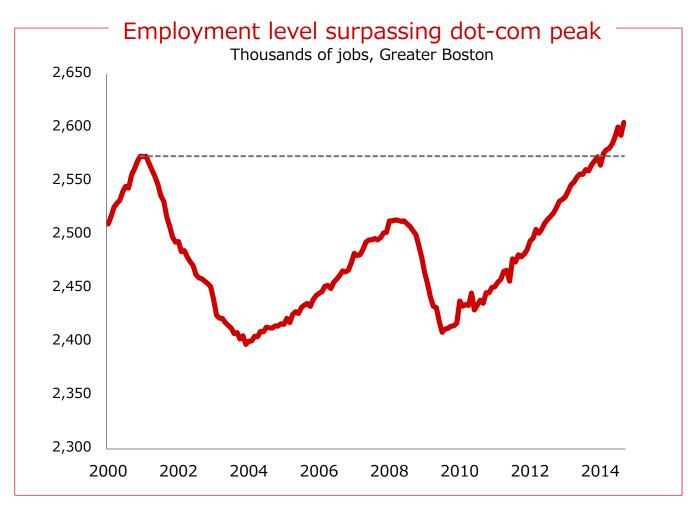


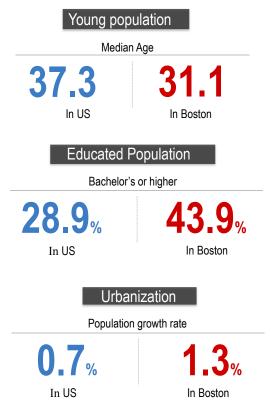
Source: Real Estate Development & Investment, Peca





# Local job growth driven by innovation worker, education and urbanization





## Diverse job growth; healthcare, high tech, hospitality & life sciences excel

#### **HEALTHCARE**

SHARE OF JOBS\*: 15.9%

10 YEAR JOB CHANGE: +95k

#### **HIGH TECH**

SHARE OF JOBS: 2.5%

10 YEAR JOB CHANGE: +27k

#### **LIFE SCIENCES**

SHARE OF JOBS: 3.2%

10 YEAR JOB CHANGE: +22k

#### **LEISURE**

SHARE OF JOBS: 9.6%

10 YEAR JOB CHANGE: +42k

#### **EDUCATION**

SHARE OF JOBS: 5.4%

10 YEAR JOB CHANGE: +12k

## FINANCIAL / LEGAL

SHARE OF JOBS: 7.6%

10 YEAR JOB CHANGE: -13k

## Millennials are driving the future of the workplace

**M08** 

people

24

average age today

50%

of U.S. workforce by 2020

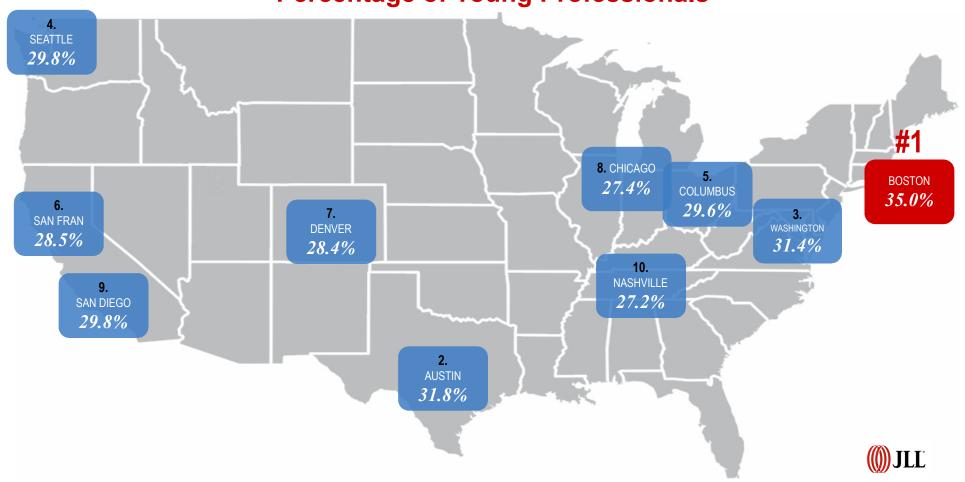
**75**%

of Global workforce by 2025



## Attracting millennial talent is a top priority for employers; Boston metro tops the list





## Somerville demographics attractive to employers; however, most residents leave the city to work

44%

OF POPULATION
BETWEEN
20 - 34 YEARS OLD

**54%** 

OF SOMERVILLE RESIDENTS HAVE A COLLEGE DEGREE OR HIGHER

85%

OF SOMERVILLE RESIDENTS WORK OUTSIDE OF SOMERVILLE



### Office space needs are evolving: Demographics and technology are driving productivity and changing utilization

150

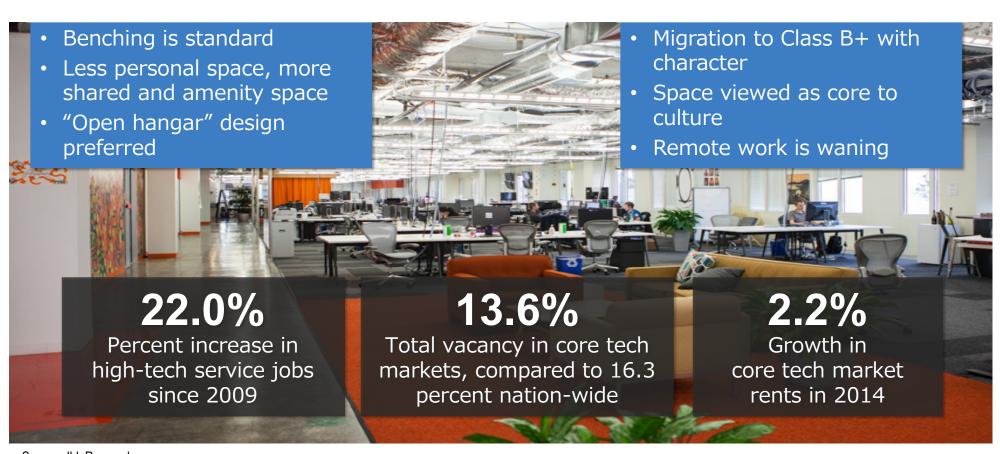
Square-foot-peremployee average target density, down from 225 in 2009 72%

of global companies plan to aggressively increase density in next 3 years 15%

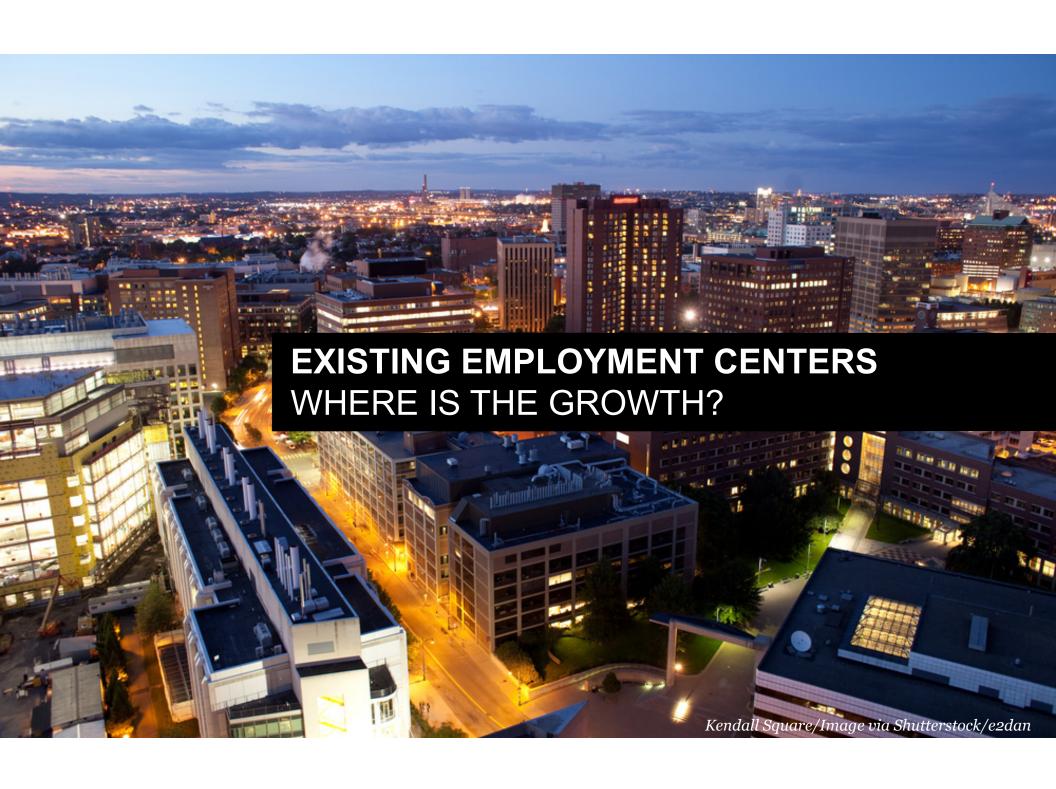
space reduction by U.S. law firms and financial services relocating

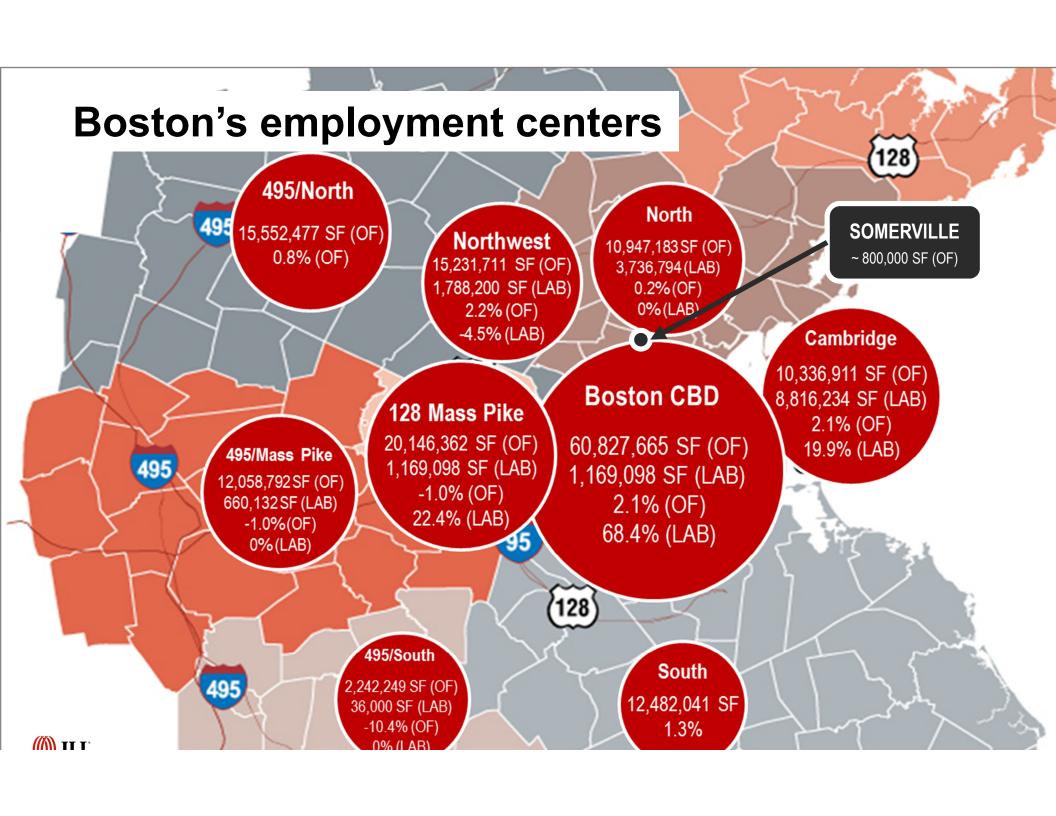
Source: JLL Research

### **Example: Technology companies are shifting**



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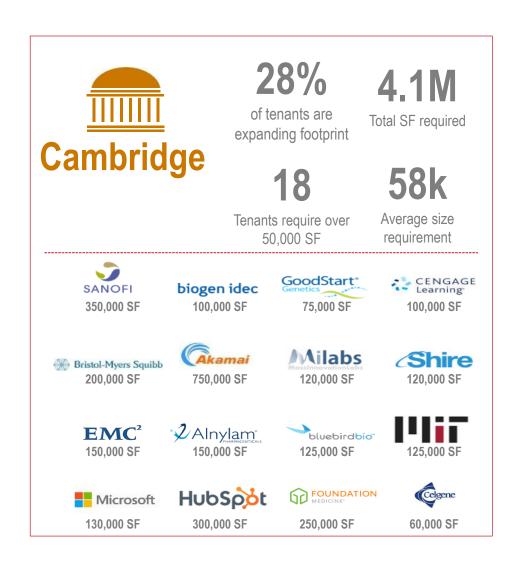


# Boston's market fundamentals in existing employment centers are strong

|                        | BOSTO    | IN CBD  | III<br>CAMB | CAMBRIDGE |          |
|------------------------|----------|---------|-------------|-----------|----------|
|                        | CLASS A  | CLASS B | CLASS A     | CLASS B   | CLASS A  |
| Supply                 | 36.1M SF | 21M SF  | 6.7M SF     | 3.3M SF   | 19.7M SF |
| Vacancy                | 10.8%    | 7.8%    | 5.6%        | 3.3%      | 7.7%     |
| Average<br>Asking Rent | \$57.94  | \$42.40 | \$58.64     | \$49.95   | \$32.00  |

## Boston and Cambridge lead the metro for office and lab space growth





### Suburban markets and life sciences sector are also experiencing growth



56%

6.9M

of tenants are expanding footprints in core markets

Total SF required

36k

Tenants require over 50.000 SF

Average size requirement







250,000 SF

200,000 SF

150,000 SF



(b)demandware



150,000 SF

150,000 SF

125,000 SF



140,000 SF

130,000 SF

KEURIG

125,000 SF



Life

**Sciences** 

60%

of tenants are expanding footprints in core markets

Tenants require over 50.000 SF

Average size requirement

3.8M

Total SF

required





FOUNDATION MEDICINE

350,000 SF

280,000 SF

220,000 SF

genzyme A SANOFI COMPANY

biogen idec.



200,000 SF

185,000 SF

125,000 SF

Milabs

2 Alnylam

100,000 SF

130,000 SF

50,000 SF

### Market dynamic: innovation companies



**INITIAL CHALLENGE** 



INITIAL RELIEF VALVE



**CURRENT CHALLENGE** 

#### **KENDALL SQUARE**

\$\$\$\$ ZERO SPACE

#### HARVARD SQUARE

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#### **DAVIS SQUARE**

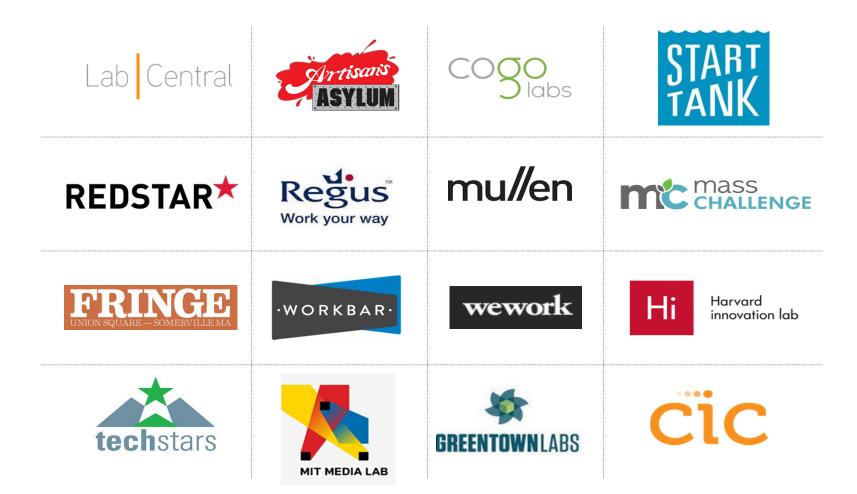
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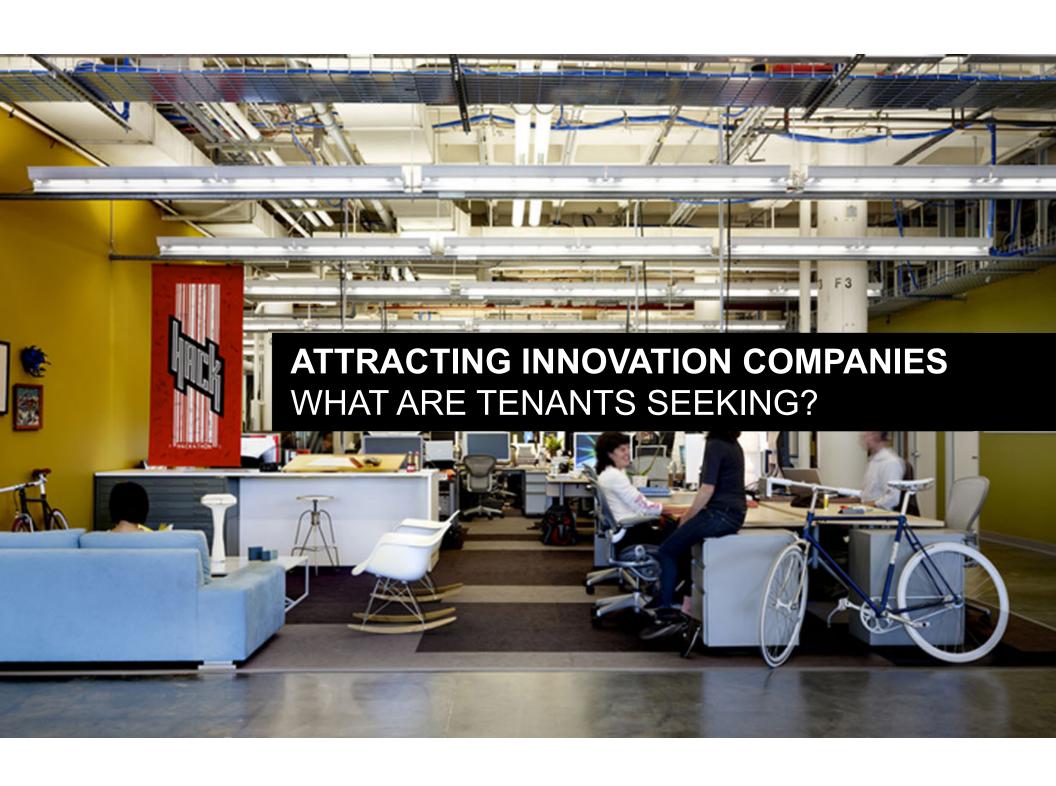
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## New innovation economy tenants have emerged: coworking, makers, incubators and accelerators





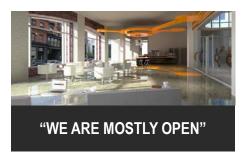
### What office and innovation tenants want

#### attract and retain innovation workers

























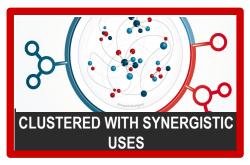
### What lab tenants need

#### specialized facilities & access to resources



























# Approaches to Finance and Develop an Office or R&D Building

| Development Type | Composition                       | Risk   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| BUILD TO SUIT    | Single Tenant,<br>100% Pre-Leased | Low to Medium<br>tenant driven<br>credit quality driven                        |
| PRE-LEASED       | Many Tenants,<br>% Pre-Leased     | Medium dependent on lead tenant(s) credit quality driven most typical approach |
| SPECULATIVE      | Many Tenants,<br>0% Pre-Leased    | High<br>usually only in mature<br>markets                                      |

### **Development Market: Boston**

#### **MARKET OVERVIEW**

Shovel Ready – Seeking Pre-Leasing 5,390,000
Under Construction Spec 462,800
Under Construction 1,595,000
In Planning 1,681,000



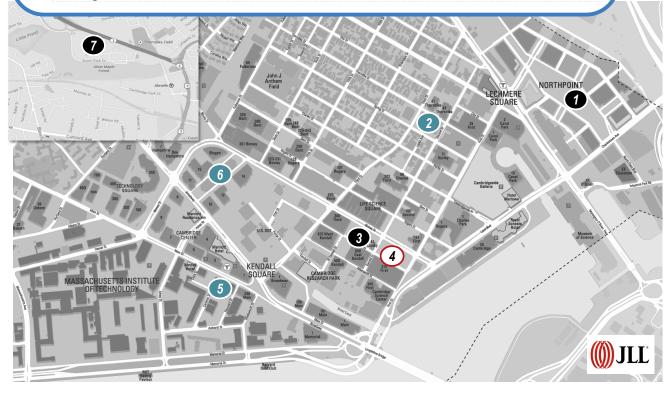
|    | Address                    | Size (SF) |
|----|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1  | Parcel L2 - Seaport Sq     | 455,000   |
| 2  | Pier 4                     | 350,000   |
| 3  | Parcel D - Seaport Sq      | 450,000   |
| 4  | <b>Boston Garden</b>       | 600,000   |
| 5  | Harbor Garage              | 860,000   |
| 6  | <b>South Station Tower</b> | 1,375,000 |
| 7  | 111 Federal                | 1,300,000 |
| 8  | 7-9 Channel Center         | 95,000    |
| 9  | 160 N Washington St        | 230,000   |
| 10 | <b>Congress Square</b>     | 250,000   |
| 11 | 333 Summer Street          | 117,800   |
| 12 | 101 Seaport Blvd           | 440,000   |
| 13 | 100 Northern Ave           | 500,000   |
| 14 | 888 Boylston               | 425,000   |
| 15 | 350 Boylston               | 221,000   |
| 16 | Innovation Square          | 360,000   |
| 17 | Government Ctr Garage      | 1,100,000 |
|    |                            |           |

### **Development Market: Cambridge**

#### **MARKET OVERVIEW**

Shovel Ready – Seeking Pre-Leasing 2,801,000
Under Construction Spec 530,000
Under Construction 0

Proposed 1,960,000



|   | Address                  | Size (SF) |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | NorthPoint               | 2,000,000 |
| 2 | 40 Thorndike Street      | 460,000   |
| 3 | 100 Binney Street        | 401,000   |
| 4 | 50 – 60 Binney Street    | 530,000   |
| 5 | MIT Main Street          | 900,000   |
| 6 | 155 Broadway             | 600,000   |
| 7 | Cambridge Discovery Park | 400,000   |



### Somerville's office market is nascent... < 1% of metro total, <10% of Cambridge few large tenants, many small businesses dispersed

|                           |                            |                     |            | Som                                 | ne |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|----|
|                           | Davis<br>Square            | Assembly Square     | Other      |                                     |    |
| Supply                    | 202,555 SF                 | 353,800 SF          | 241,751 SF | CHA<br>Cambridge<br>Health Alliance |    |
| Direct<br>Vacancy         | 0.9%*                      | 28.6%               | 16.5%      | nealth Amarice                      |    |
| Total<br>Availability     | 12.6%                      | 29.2%               | 26.9%      | ARTEX FINE ART SERVICES             | T  |
| Average<br>Asking<br>Rent | Low \$30's<br>- Mid \$40's | Low – Mid<br>\$40's | Mid \$20's | <b>♦</b> SMAI                       | 27 |















## Why haven't market forces created Office/R&D in Union Square already?

#### **Strengths**











- Built-in talent pool
- Proximity to Kendall, Davis, & Harvard Squares and clusters
- Access to Harvard/MIT/Tufts
- Food & beverage, neighborhood "buzz"
- Political support
- Entrepreneurial, creative spirit
- MBTA access

#### **Challenges**







- Frontier Location Union Square not viewed as commercial opportunity
- Not a company cluster or adjacent to universities
- Not a <u>live</u>, <u>work</u>, play environment
- Competition from other sub-markets
- Lack of suitable space
- The Green line is not the Red Line
- Neighborhood services missing





### How do we ensure Union Square will be the solution?



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**UNION SQUARE** 

Innovation Economy
is a key to creating a
regional employment center
in Union Square



## **Innovation Jobs**











For every 1 innovation job added, 5 additional jobs are created



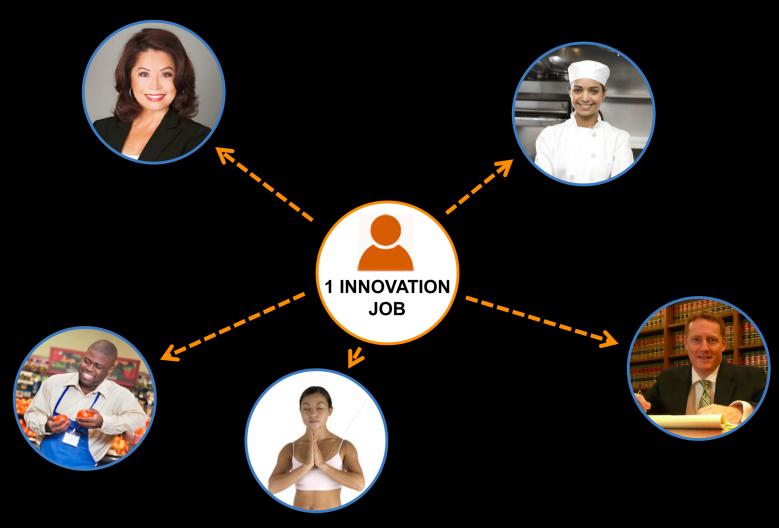
### **Manufacturing Jobs**





For every 1 manufacturing job added, 1.7 additional jobs are created

# Innovation jobs will spur job opportunities throughout the local economy



### **Proposed strategy**



People: Attract Innovation Workers



**Environment**: Create a Vital Urban Transit-Oriented Environment



<u>Cluster</u>: Link to Start-Up Companies, Evolve Innovation Culture



**Space**: Develop a Continuum of Employment Spaces



Opportunity: Leverage the Development to Create Jobs & Workforce Development



### **People: Attract Innovation Workers**

It starts with people - the employees.

Millennials are a significant driver of the present & the future.

#### **Characteristics**

- Social
- Connected
- Outspoken
- Educated
- Multi-cultural
- High Performance
- Civic-minded
- Mobile

#### **Consumer Preferences**

- Access without ownership
- Devalue status symbols
- Simplicity
- Healthy
- Shop in stores;
   buy online
- Entertainment oriented

#### Office Preferences

- Shared space
- No private offices
- Counters replace desks
- Creative interaction
- Work from home/car/Starbucks
- Green
- Incubator/temporary spaces





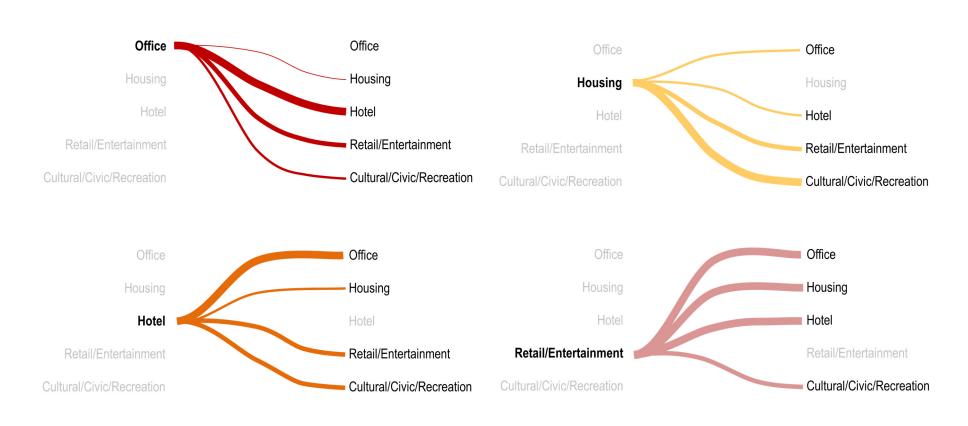
## **Environment**: Create a vital, urban mixeduse transit oriented environment

"Work space is no longer a line on the Profit & Loss statement. It's a key piece of the environment to create a disruptive business. Companies are seeking access to young people, transportation, arts and cultural density as well as live, work and play environments. Union Square can provide exactly that."

Greg Hoffmeister
Managing Director, T3 Advisors

# 2

# Successful mixed use districts benefit from the synergy of a variety of uses



SOURCE: URBAN LAND INSTITUTE



### Mixed-use can create a 24/7 environment













## Curated retail offers neighborhood services and interesting experiences













As part of the initial phase of mixed-use development, new residential will create the critical mass, vibrancy and amenities that are important to potential employers



## Residential adds significant benefits to a mixed-use environment



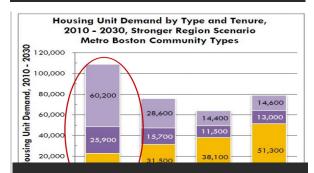
**Adds Vitality** 



**Increases Spending** 



**Readily Executable** 



**Realize Housing Goals** 



Vision Becomes Reality for Employers



Support Neighborhood Services



## <u>Cluster</u>: Link to Start-up Companies, Evolve Innovation Culture







## Pursue Strategic Partnerships with Boston's Innovation Community and Influencers

### wework









# Support makers, artists and creative economy industries







## Identify neighborhood and project opportunities where these users can flourish











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# **Space**: Develop a Continuum of Employment Spaces

#### Work here, grow here and stay here..."incubator to incorporated"

|                    |                                | 7 Stages of an Entrepreneurial Business |   |                                |   |  |  |                                 |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------|
|                    |                                | 1<br>Soloprenuer                        | 2<br>Partnership                        | 3<br>Steady<br>Operation       | 4<br>Local Success<br>Story             | 5<br>Managed<br>Organization           | 6<br>Mature<br>Company                 | 7<br>Corporate<br>Player        |
| S                  | Employees                      | 1                                       | 2-4                                     | 5 - 10                         | 11-25                                   | 26-100                                 | 101-200                                | 201-500+                        |
| Attribute          | Business<br>Focus              | Idea or<br>Concept                      | Technology or<br>Product<br>Developed   | Launch<br>Early Sales          | Scale<br>Adoption                       | Mass Expansion                         | Strategic<br>Growth                    | Return on<br>Investment         |
| Company Attributes | Likely<br>Funding<br>Sources   | Founders<br>Friends/Family              | Friends/Family<br>Angels<br>Seed VCs    | Angels<br>Seed VCs             | Angels<br>Series A VC                   | Series A / B / C<br>VC                 | VCs<br>Public Market<br>Private Shlder | Public Market<br>Private Shlder |
| O                  | Credit Quality                 | Poor                                    | Poor to Fair                            | Fair                           | Fair to Good                            | Good to<br>Very Good                   | Very Good to<br>Excellent              | Very Good to<br>Excellent       |
| Real Estate Needs  | Space<br>Requirement<br>s (SF) | 200 SF                                  | 400 – 800 SF                            | 1,000 – 2,000<br>SF            | 2,200 – 5,000<br>SF                     | 5,200 – 20,000<br>SF                   | 20,200 - 40,000<br>SF                  | 40,200 –<br>100,000+ SF         |
|                    | Space<br>Format                | Co-working<br>Incubator                 | Co-working<br>Incubator                 | Boutique<br>Accelerator        | Boutique<br>Accelerator<br>Professional | Boutique<br>Professional               | Professional                           | Professional                    |
|                    | Rent Range                     | \$350 - \$900<br>per month<br>% equity  | \$700 - \$3000<br>per month<br>% equity | \$30 - \$42 PSF                | B \$30 - \$42 PSF<br>P \$46 - \$60 PSF  | B \$30 - \$42 PSF<br>P \$46 - \$60 PSF | \$46 - \$60 PSF                        | \$46 - \$60 PSF                 |
|                    | Lease Terms                    | Monthly                                 | Monthly                                 | Shorter term<br>Expansion optn | Shorter term<br>Expansion optn          | Medium term<br>Expansion optn          | Med to Long<br>term<br>Expansion optn  | Long term<br>Expansion optn     |



## Incremental and deliberate approach to creating innovation office / R&D spaces



### A PRIME THE MARKET

Establish smaller scale co-working location in existing Union Square space soon.



### B DEMONSTRATE THE POTENTIAL

Build some speculative office space in first development phase and lease it up.



## C ATTRACT TENANTS & LAUNCH A BUILDING

Plan and market a multi-tenant building as well as a build-to-suit opportunity



## Opportunity: Leverage the Development to Create Jobs & Workforce Development

#### **Local Jobs**

- Project jobs = priority to qualified residents
- Workforce participation program for locals, vets
- Use local businesses for good and services

### **Workforce Development**

- Internships through Mayor's summer jobs program
- Technical assistance to emerging Somerville firms
- "Fast pay" program
- Education programs

### In Summary



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