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**Mayor Menino Celebrates Grand Opening of
45 Province Street**

*Project Transforms Province Street with Streetscape Improvements; Residential & Restaurant Space Add
Vitality to Downtown Crossing Neighborhood*

Mayor Thomas M. Menino today joined Boston Redevelopment Authority Director John F. Palmieri, The Abbey Group and Suffolk Construction to celebrate the grand opening of Downtown Crossing's newest residential project, 45 Province Street. The 32-story residential building contains 138 condominium units along with new restaurant space that will add energy to the burgeoning 24-hour district.

"I'm delighted to be here today to celebrate the opening of Boston's newest residential building," Mayor Menino said. "This project has truly transformed Province Street, and I want to thank The Abbey Group for the streetscape improvements that they made. This street rebuilds a vital link between the historic Beacon Hill and Downtown Crossing. We're making great strides in Downtown Crossing with our marketing and branding initiative and the addition of this new housing and restaurant space adds to the vitality of the neighborhood."

45 Province is a full-service building that offers a first-of-its-kind Exhale spa, exclusively for residents. The complex includes a four season pool, spa treatment room and fitness studio with cardio, stretching and conditioning areas; a parlor comprised of a library and dining room with a catering kitchen, a screening room; a fine dining restaurant; a bistro restaurant with an outdoor patio; a spectacular roof terrace offering sweeping panoramic views of the city; valet parking and 24-hour concierge service.

Said Abbey Group President and COO David Epstein: "We moved forward with construction of this "modern landmark" because of our enchantment with this neighborhood, our love for the city and our faith in its future. With the support of Mayor Menino and his administration, we were able to create this new residential community in the heart of Boston."

The Province Street of today was once known as Governor's Alley, home to the Government House for sitting governors of the Commonwealth and the first Governor's Mansion. Former Governor Paul Cellucci was on hand for the event in order to help dedicate a plaque marking the historical significance of the former Governor's Alley location. The plaque includes the names and dates of service of every governor in the history of the Commonwealth.

The project is designed to take the architectural vocabulary of the district from which it rises and reinterpret it for the 21st century in terra cotta, glass and metal. Terra cotta itself is a traditional material with a newly rediscovered role as a building material in recent years, and this is one of the first buildings of this scale in the area to use it on a major portion of the facade. Designed by the same firm that designed MassMOCA, Bruner-Cott and Associates, the tapering and set-backs of the building add interest to the skyline while taking cues from the robust commercial and residential architecture of the larger context. The historic Province Street steps and cobbles of Chapman Place were also restored.

Suffolk Construction, the General Contractor on the project, has had hundreds of dedicated workers on site since breaking ground in October 2006. The building was finished on schedule and to the highest quality.

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