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## Boloco eyeing soon-to-be vacant Kelly's Roast Beef location in Allston

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

The head of Boston-based burrito chain Boloco is "seriously interested" in opening a new location in the prominent Allston space that Kelly's Roast Beef has said it will vacate this weekend.

Boloco CEO John S. Pepper mentioned his interest in an update on [his Twitter account](#) yesterday when he wrote "looking carefully at Kelly's..."

Scouting the Washington D.C. area this afternoon for the first restaurants outside of New England that the chain plans to open next summer, Pepper was unavailable to comment directly, but according to company spokeswoman Nicole Ravlin: "He is seriously interested in that location. He's exchanged a few e-mails [about his interest in leasing the property], but it's very preliminary and no where close to being a done deal. "

"With Boloco, location, location, location is everything to them. They need the right spot," she added in a phone interview today. "And, he believes that location is the best option for that area."

Even if the company is unable to reach a deal to take over the 5,000 square-foot space at the busy corner of Harvard and Commonwealth avenues, Ravlin said Boloco hopes to eventually open around that area in Allston.

"Obviously, the Allston area makes a lot of sense," she said. "The intent is for Boloco to be in that area."

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The spokeswoman was not sure who exactly Pepper had e-mailed about his interest in the location.

Dean Murphy, director of operations at Kelly's, said today by phone: "We have not heard from them."

Kelly's [announced this week](#) it will close its one-and-a-half-year-old Allston restaurant -- the newest of six locations the 60-year-old local restaurant chain operates -- after business Sunday, Dec. 11.

The family-run eatery has eight years remaining on a 10-year deal the company signed to lease the space from the property's Allston-based owner, The Hamilton Company.

Officials at Hamilton Co. were not immediately available for comment this afternoon.

Kelly's closure will bring a second large street corner business vacancy to the Allston intersection. A 5,600 square-foot commercial space across Commonwealth Avenue from Kelly's has been empty since spring 2010 when Uno Chicago Grill closed its restaurant there. TD Bank signed a 15-year lease for the space in February, according to state land records, and plans to open a branch there in the second half of 2012, according to a spokesman for the bank.

Headquartered downtown, Boloco has 12 locations in Boston, including one in Brighton's Cleveland Circle. The growing chain also operates restaurants in Cambridge, Medford, and Natick as well as two in New Hampshire and one in Vermont.

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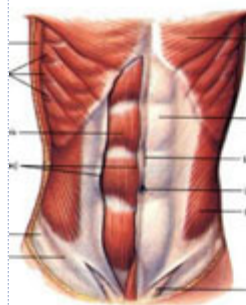
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