

September 17, 2022

14 Ridge Road
Waban, MA 02468

To the members of the Land Use Committee of the Newton City Council and the Planning and Development Board:

We are writing to strongly oppose the petition for a Special Permit/Site Plan Approval to extend nonconforming height at 1 Ridge Road, Waban, item #393-22 on your September 20, 2022, agenda.

An increase in the height of this home would have an immediate and significant negative impact on our property, which is located across the street. Our patio, living room, and two primary bedrooms are oriented toward this property, facing west toward the Wellesley Hills. We believe an increase in the height of the home at 1 Ridge Road is not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood, where we have been homeowners since March 1995.

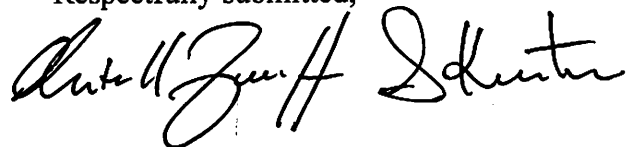
We have had **no contact** with the 1 Ridge Road homeowners or their representatives, and only learned of this project from the city's legal notice we received via mail.

In more than 27 years as Waban homeowners, we have never before opposed any of our neighbors' permit applications or building plans, a fact that we hope will be viewed as an indication of the seriousness of our opposition.

Work conflicts (including a late shift and teaching an evening class at Boston University) prevent us from attending this meeting in person or via Zoom. We would be happy to appear in person or discuss this further at another time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Zuckoff and Suzanne Kreiter
Homeowners, 14 Ridge Road, Waban