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The Honorable Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

City of Newton

1000 Commonwealth Avenue

Newton, MA 02459

Dear Mayor Fuller:

I am writing on behalf of the entire NCDF community to express our strong support for the Newton Family Navigation Center being proposed by FamilyAid for 1650 Washington Street in West Newton.

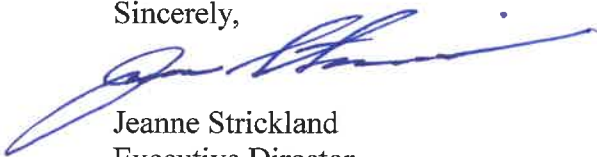
Last month I had the opportunity to meet with Larry Seamans, President & CEO of FamilyAid and was not only impressed with the plans but also with their approach in "...providing programs and services to create bridges from housing insecurity to secure housing, from crisis to safety, and from challenge to solution." We took the opportunity to meet at Warren House and talked at length about our shared successes as well as the continued challenges in providing stable homes for so many in need.

As a Washington Street neighbor (Warren House is located next door at 1600 Washington Street), we appreciated the opportunity to meet with the development team during a virtual meeting held earlier this month. It is obvious that careful planning and consideration has gone into this project and we are encouraged with the positive reception to date. The multifaceted approach being proposed by FamilyAid will truly help support and prepare their families to move on to a permanent housing situation where they will have the tools to succeed and thrive while also receiving continued support from FamilyAid.

With a long history of our own in the City of Newton, we believe this type of program is a necessary steppingstone for many families and will provide the tools which are needed to have a successful tenancy, which is the foundation for further upward mobility.

In closing, we encourage your support as well as the support of members of the City Council for FamilyAid's proposed Newton Family Navigation Center.

Sincerely,



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