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Subject: **Letter to the CPC Regarding the Crescent Street Project**

Good Afternoon, Please see the attached.

Have a nice day.
-Shawna

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Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee,

The Crescent Street Project Working Group would like to thank you for holding a presentation of the third-party review's findings at your upcoming meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>. While we look forward to this presentation and further discussion of the Crescent Street proposal, we respectfully request that you delay your vote on the funding request that is before you for this project.

We ask that you hold the item so that the Working Group can consider the consultant's presentation and the CPC's reaction and discussion so that we may produce a final recommended pro forma to the CPC, which will include greater affordability as the report recommends.

As you know, this is an affordable housing project of 8 units. It is a development for families with a total of 20 bedrooms and the capacity to provide affordable housing to as many as 16 adults and 24 children. Forty people who otherwise would not have the opportunity to live in Newton and take advantage of all this great city has to offer.

We, and many people in the City of Newton, continue to believe that this project is worthy of pursuit on many levels, and we look forward to working with you and the community to improve the project until it comes to fruition.

Please be aware that docket item 50-18, which seeks 5-58 site plan approval for the project has been held in the Public Facilities Committee since November of 2017. Our plan is to provide the revised pro forma to the committee and request that they vote a recommendation to the full Council, where we hope to get the required 2/3's vote to approve the recommended site plan. Without this approval, we expect that the Administration will withdraw its request for the housing portion of the project and instead seek approval of only the park.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request to hold this item in Committee.

Regards

Crescent Street Working Group