

**Linda M. Finucane**

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**From:** Yuxia Cao <yxcao88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2014 8:19 PM  
**To:** Linda M. Finucane  
**Subject:** The multi-unit housing development on 3 Auburn Street does not fit our neighborhood.

Dear Linda,

Could you please forward our email to the Members of the Land Use Committee: Aldermen Laredo, Albright, Schwartz, Cote, Crossley, Lipof, Lennon, and Harney? Thank you so much and have a great day.

Dear Members of the Land Use Committee,

We have been residents of Auburn Street in West Newton for more than 8 years and care about our neighborhood. We would like to voice our oppositions for any developments that do not fit our neighborhood. Our neighborhood comprises for mostly single families, and at most duplexes with a fairly minimal lot size and therefore is already very dense. Plus, traffic back-ups on these streets during morning and afternoon rush hours are nearly unbearable. Adding more traffic to it will be more than any neighborhood should endure. The on-going development will surely have an additional impact on Auburn St. from drivers heading to/from the Mass Pike.

The main reason for the existing heavy traffic on Auburn Street-Commonwealth Ave during rush hours is that many drivers treat Auburn Street-Commonwealth Ave as a shortcut to access I-90 West or I-95 from route 16 and to access free I-90 East from route 30. As the economy is getting better and more drivers are on the road for their jobs, there definitely will be significant increase of traffic backing up on those already very congested streets. Adding multi-unit houses can make it even worse. Therefore, the neighborhood cannot absorb the multi-unit housing development on 3 Auburn Street.

This neighborhood has previously and continues to endure great hardships. The Mass Pike ripped through this neighborhood, displacing families and leaving the remaining ones with devastated property values, air pollution and noise.

Please consider the negative effects that a housing development will have on our neighborhood and the surrounding traffic. Thank you very much for your time, consideration, and understanding.

Sincerely,

Yuxia Cao and Liangping Weng

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West Newton