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To members of the City Council, and Planning & Development Board

Even if you were planning to vote for the original zone change request and the Washington Place special permit, please reject this cynical attempt by developer Robert Korff to circumvent the rights of abutters provided for in state law.

It is appalling that this developer who, having arrogantly overpaid for the land on the assumption or even insider knowledge that he could get his project approved, now asks for spot zoning of his spot zoning to nullify the abutters' rights by, in effect making himself his own abutter. And who expects to have his cake and eat it too, asking for an even greater deviation from required lot area per unit than before, by not reducing the number of units commensurately with the reduction in MU4 land area. I am disgusted but not surprised that the Planning Department still supports this petition.

It's profoundly disappointing that the constituents you ought to represent have to write to you and beg you not to allow this, instead of being able to rely on you not to reward such an unscrupulous undermining of the law.

If this rezoning technique is approved, violating the clear intent of the state law to protect abutters' interests, we can expect a lengthy and evidently precedent-setting (for Massachusetts) court case, and/or many more similar spite strip petitions in the future.

I urge the Land Use Committee and Planning & Development Board to vote No as soon as possible.

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