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TO MEMBERS OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE:

The City Council is required to vote for a finding that the MU4 zone on Washington Street, with a proposed five (5) story building, is “compatible in visual scale to its surroundings”, including the adjacent single and two family Historic District.

The City Council is required to vote for a finding that the MU4 zone on Washington Street “does not adversely affect its surroundings by creating shadows or blocking views”.

Before you vote you should visit the new building Main & Moody Streets.
If you sit on the cold, metal, park type bench, elevated 3 feet, 100 feet away from 42 Moody Street, this is your view.

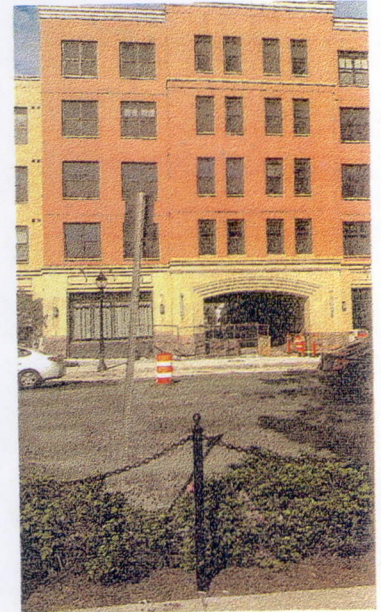
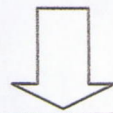
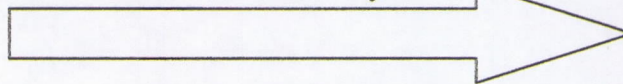
You will vote for a project that has no outside space for children to play, to throw a ball or run off steam. The nearest intersection is one of the busiest in the City and at capacity in the rush hours. We all know young children will live in the project; children to young to walk to Albermarle playground.

You will vote for a project that has no outside space for pets to use. We all know that the projected tenants, the seniors, the young singles, will bring pets.

Soon you will be able to explain what people who spoke about the Domino Effect meant when you discuss more new projects, such as Maguire Court at Washington & Crafts Streets; or Washington Street in West Newton [new projects coming soon to Newton]. Then you will have your Green Line constituents demanding that you not build similar projects at the Transit oriented stops in Waban, Newton Highlands and Newton Centre.

Then the Developers will go elsewhere and Newton will need overrides for maintenance and replacement for the basic facilities and services needed for the functioning of our residential suburban City.

View 150 feet from 42 Moody St.



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