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Dear Counselors,

Thank you for your time and effort in managing our city.

Please vote against rezoning the Orr building project request to change its zoning to MU-4.

I feel MU-4 zoning will allow too much density and traffic to the immediate area and increased traffic throughout Newton. The height of the buildings in the proposed project will be out of character with the neighborhood particularly since it abuts the Newtonville Historic District. A project of approximately 2.84 acres is too large for this area. Residents of Newtonville, beyond the abutters, who now look out their windows and see the sky, will have to look at walls instead!

Reducing the number of parking spaces, even with some spaces becoming available during the daytime, will only exacerbate the problem of parking. I frequently shop in this area and it is not unusual to have difficulty finding a parking space. In this day of large SUVs, reducing the size of the parking spaces will make parking more difficult, reminiscent of the Atrium parking lot. Perhaps it will also lead to more scratches on cars.

A development of this size will increase the strain on Newton's infrastructure, a problem we cannot afford!

The developer of this property can build a similar project with commercial and residential units with the existing zoning. I don't think this project will benefit Newtonville or the city as a whole.

People move to Newton because they want to live in a suburban environment. If they wanted a more urbanized town they would move to such a town. The citizens of Newton haven't said they want to urbanize Newton.

Please vote NO on the rezoning of this development.

Regards,
Diane Prunte

