

**Nadia Khan**

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**From:** David A. Olson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 31, 2017 2:00 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Cc:** Nadia Khan  
**Subject:** FW: Opposed to Orr Block Rezoning and Special Permit

**From:** Elaine Rush Arruda  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 7:57 PM  
**To:** David A. Olson  
**Subject:** Opposed to Orr Block Rezoning and Special Permit

Dear Mr. Olson,  
Please forward my message to the full City Council. Thank you! -Elaine Arruda

Dear Land Use Committee and full City Council,  
I am writing to express my opposition to the rezoning and special permit application for Washington Place. I believe the proposal is too high and massive for the neighborhood. A by-right development, without rezoning or special permit would allow development within the scale of the neighborhood and within the acceptance of the residents of Newtonville. I would not want this large development anywhere along Washington St. I chose to live in Newton because of the quaint village centers with small businesses (not chains who are the only ones able to afford high rents required by large developments).

I completely agree with the members of the Planning Board who voted against the rezoning. I particularly appreciate their references to the Comprehensive Plan in keeping with the scale of neighborhoods and the input of residents. Please see their report if you have not yet read it.

<http://amysangiolo.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Planning-Board-Memo-1.pdf>

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Elaine Rush Arruda

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