

**Nadia Khan**

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**From:** David A. Olson  
**Sent:** Friday, December 09, 2016 6:10 PM  
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**From:** Eran and Mickie  
**Sent:** Friday, December 9, 2016 5:41:40 PM  
**To:** David A. Olson  
**Subject:** Orr Block

I am a resident of Newtonville and currently reside at 137 Lowell Avenue. As an abutter, I would like to state to the committee that I am opposed to the project in Newtonville centered on the corner of Walnut and Washington Streets as it is currently being proposed (Orr Block). The current area is certainly not a beautiful set of buildings, but they are in character with the neighborhood and in keeping with Newton zoning. I would be very happy to see construction on the whole block that conforms to current Newton zoning and upgrades the neighborhood. But any structure higher than 3 stories that includes so many units will be a strain on the area and a dangerous precedent for other projects all over the city.

On issues of affordable housing, school populations, increased car traffic, pedestrian flow - all of these would be damaged if this were built as currently proposed. I urge you in no uncertain terms to reject all waivers and special permits for this project that would create a 4 or 5 story monolith.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, for your service, and for maintaining Newton as a small city that creates a wonderful community.

Sincerely,

Eran Caspi