

Nadia Khan

From: David A. Olson
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 6:03 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Nadia Khan
Subject: FW: ORR Building

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Dear Mr. Olson
Could you please forward this to all the City Councilors.
Thank you.

John D. Vasilakis

Dear Councilors,

I am asking you to vote against the rezoning and Special Permit requested for the Orr he knew when he bought this property.

Newton is currently undertaking a rezoning of the city. This will result in a masterplan that everyone can use as a guide in planning developments and making for a uniform set of rules for the city instead of the spot zoning that we have seen lately. Projects such as this should wait for this new plan.

The goal of the Newton councilors should be the unification of the downtown village areas making them attractive places for the residents to visit, stroll to, shop, etc. In Newtonville Center especially, efforts should be made to bridge the sections divided by the Mass Pike, perhaps with attractive walkways on both sides of the existing road to effect this unification.

The negative aspects of erecting a 5 story building have been brought out many times at the Land Use Committee sessions held. Much has been said about the traffic problems, the fact that it is not a transit oriented development area, the negative effect on the abutters and the historic district, the ignored hazardous waste problems, etc. Also little has been said about the economic cost to the city that eventually will be borne by the residents. The developer says that the new building will be an annual plus \$200,000 to the city. If that is true, for what the city and the residents will have to go through and be left with this paltry amount is not nearly enough. In fact, I believe this figure to be very optimistic considering costs to the city services – again borne by the residents.

Sincerely,
John D. Vasilakis
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Newtonville, MA 02460

