

**Nadia Khan**

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**From:** David A. Olson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2017 3:33 PM  
**To:** Nadia Khan  
**Subject:** Fw: Orr Block Hearing- David, please use this instead of former one sent minutes ago

Nadia,

Could you have this version of the e-mail replace the one I forwarded from Linda earlier.

David

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** David A. Olson  
**Cc:** Wolk Linda  
**Subject:** Orr Block Hearing- David, please use this instead of former one sent minutes ago

Dear City Councilors,

We strongly object to the Orr developer's request for rezoning the Orr block, with special permits.

We are 42-year residents of Newtonville.  
We are committed to supporting a democratic government.  
A most critical part of true democracy is having elected officials really listen to the constituents whom they serve.  
The Newtonville community has spoken for a number of years now, since the Austin Street development, against this trend toward urbanization that interfere with the quality of life of this neighborhood, which take a needed parking lot and putting in an over-sized structure.  
The Newtonville community did not want that development.

While the Orr development has been private property, not public like Austin St, we recognize the difference. Still, to give the developer more income and allow a change in zoning and special permits for undersized parking spaces, and more traffic congestion, does not make sense. It sets a precedent in this city, that will result in more pricey condos and apartment rentals. Accessory apartments and other needed permits for using present housing are already underway, especially to seniors who are down-sizing.

All the development is done under the guise of using "nearby transportation" and "revitalization", when the present public transportation still does not meet the needs of residents of Newtonville, and most persons polled say they are content with Newtonville's revitalization in recent years.

Please, we urge you to vote "NO" for rezoning and special permits for the Orr development.

Thank you for your conscientious work,

Linda and William Wolk  
345 Newtonville Ave