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To: Nadia Khan
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Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:03 PM
To: citycouncil
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Dear Members of the City Council,

I understand a change of plans has come about regarding Robert Korff initial ideas for his "Washington Place." City Councilors, the Land Use Committee, residents and community preservation groups have invested considerable time discussing and evaluating his proposal. I thank you for your efforts.

The fiscally unsound MU4 rezoning of Newton's commercial tax base is one aspect of the Council's work that will have lasting repercussions and radically change our city. Additionally, the size and scope of this project, combined with low percentage of affordable units make it an untenable and unwelcome change to Newtonville, one of the densest villages in Newton. This is not to say Mr. Korff's does not have the right to build. As with much, however, it is a matter of degrees; respecting and adhering to the rights of building under which he willingly purchased this land is a reasonable solution.

The withdrawal of his current proposal and threat of 40B as a punishment to those opposed to his plan and to the Council, should it vote against the MU4 rezoning, uncovers the worst of intentions and (as I have noted elsewhere) only pits neighbor against neighbor and village against village. Mr. Korff's march to satisfy his own needs against the wishes of Newtonville residents is unacceptable. I urge you, our esteemed Councilors, to encourage the Mayor and the ZBA to represent Newton residents by invoking our 1.5% standing as immunity to Mr. Korff's vindictive overreach.

Please continue to reject his request for MU4 rezoning, require DHCD-recognized levels of affordable units to ensure 100% project inclusion on the SHI, and insist on a reduced scale acceptable to neighbors.

Kindest regards,
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