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Subject: FW: Orr Block Objection

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Hi Mr. Olson,

We are residents of Newtonville.

The proposed development for the Orr block is out of scale for Newton. If a five story development is allowed, then the next developer will be looking for six or seven stories. In the 40 plus years that we have lived in Newton, we have never witnessed the rapid pace of new multi-family developments that is occurring now. Housing is needed but at what price?

The intersection of Walnut Street and Washington Street is very busy now, a significant increase in traffic will be inevitable if this development goes ahead as planned. Also it unrealistic to propose that some residents will not all own cars. It would be impossible to live in Newton and enjoy the city without a car. We are certain that the people who rent these units will be able to own a vehicle given the proposed rents.

We have attended meetings on this issue at City Hall. What about the abutters on the north side of the development? They will lose considerable daylight. The developer will move on but these residents will remain and suffer quality of life consequences and likely financial ones if their property values are diminished by the project.

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