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**From:** David A. Olson  
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**From:** Ramona Hamblin  
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**To:** David A. Olson  
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**Subject:** Development in Newton

Dear Mr. Olsen:

I wish I had the words to encourage the city of Newton to give some space to the possibility that its development plan is not in the best interest of many residents. Of course, I appreciate how every attack and complaint just hardens resolve and pushes us further apart, that's how conflict goes. But it's possible to imagine a different outcome.

This is how I see it. The effort to create a denser more urban city was wholly based on good intentions. It would be wonderful to encourage more walkable areas so that we could stay in our homes but have lives more similar to those in unaffordable areas like the South End.

I'm afraid that instead what's happening is a run-on land that is driven more by developer profits and less by thoughtful urban planning. It would be great to slow this all down and work together to make Newton a model of successful suburban urbanization.

I can only beg that you consider giving some thought to a process that will embrace more community centered principles.

I'm truly sorry to add to the deluge, it pains me to be a pain. So please know that I am, in all sincerity, wishing you a happy and warm holiday season.

Very truly yours,

Ramona Hamblin

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