

Nadia Khan

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To: Nadia Khan
Subject: support for Orr Block development

Please forward to the land use committee for tonight's meeting. Thank you.

To Councilor Laredo and the Land Use Committee:

I am not able to attend tonight's Land Use meeting on the Orr Block Development.

I would like to express my personal support for the Orr Block/Washington Place Development. There are many things to like about it. I most especially like that the developer has listened to those impacted and is promoting amenities that will benefit people who live, work and move through Newtonville. The support for a more walkable and bikeable area immediately adjacent to the building will serve as a model for the upgrading of the entire neighborhood along Washington Street, something that is desperately needed. Bike parking, wider sidewalks, intersection redesign, car share and bike share are among those features that stand out. Projects across the country show that when this type of development is done in conjunction with strong planning focused on how people will move around the space, there are big benefits for all - needed housing, increased services/infrastructure, greater variety of businesses, increased tax revenue to name a few.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

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