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Dear Councilor Brousal-Glaser,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a fantastic summer. I am writing today to express my sincere support for the Washington Place development because it will offer many seniors in Newton the chance to move into a stylish establishment that is also open to renters on a fixed income.

Too many seniors are being financially exiled from Newton. As the real estate market has grown and grown over the decades, so too has rent and property assessments. Today the cost of living is higher than I have ever seen it. Increasing costs always hit those on a fixed income the hardest and we need to do something here in Newton to keep as many of those costs under control as possible.

I believe Washington Place represents an important step in the right direction when it comes to keeping local seniors closer to their friends and family in Newton. This project is tailored for seniors, young folks, and anyone who wants to stay in Newton and do so in a way that doesn't create a financial hardship. It will also be a beautiful establishment where folks can live affordably with some dignity as well. I hope the Land Use Committee and the Council at large approves this visionary development.

Warm regards,