To: Councilor Richard Blazer CC: City Clerk David Olson Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Ave. Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Councilor Blazer,

Washington Place (in development from Mark Newtonville LLC) will benefit all of us by providing more affordable housing options in Newton. There are many senior citizens who can no longer afford to live here. To see retirees who have lived their whole lives in Newton be forced to move elsewhere is truly a shame. The City Council is already looking into expanding affordable housing options in Newton for this and other important reasons, and the Washington Place project fits the bill.

By building Washington Place we are investing in Newton's long term growth and continued success. As such we should approve Washington Place's necessary permitting in a timely fashion.

With thanks,

Barbara Holzman

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