

Dear Councilor Hess-Mahan:

The Orr Block in Newtonville is in serious disrepair and should be replaced as soon as possible. With a few exceptions, it is very difficult to successfully operate a business in the Orr Block . People simply don't like to shop in places that are in tough condition, and as a result entrepreneurs won't locate themselves there either. If the Orr Block was rebuilt into something new and modern, it will become more attractive for new business opportunities and customers. Washington Place will help do that in a dramatic way. It will renew Newtonville and replace the Orr Block with an attractive commercial and residential development that will bring new business along with a large number of new customers and residents. We should let this project move forward right away.

Thanks,



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