TO: City Councilor Ted Hess-Mahan

ATTN: Land Use Committee & David A. Olson (Clerk of the Council)

RE: Washington Place

Dear Councilor Hess-Mahan,

I am writing today in support of the Washington Place project in Newtonville. The Orr Block no longer fits any practical (or financially feasible) commercial/residential purpose and ought to have been replaced a long time ago. Washington Place would be a far better use for that property and I hope that the Council will quickly approve it.

This development would certainly renew Netwonville's village experience in a big way. New apartment units and storefronts would make the corner of Washington Street and Walnut Street a much more exciting place to live or visit than it is today.

Thanks,