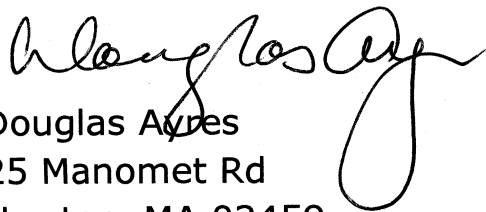


Dear Councilor Susan Albright and the Newton City Council,

The Washington Place project being proposed and the corner of Washington and Walnut street will be a breath of fresh air compared to the run down eyesore that exists there today. This proposal will bring new business and customers to the area, but most importantly, it will supply Newton residents with much needed affordable and middle income housing. The costs of housing in Newton has been historically high, but recently the costs have increased so much that hard working Newton families are being priced out of the market. Newton's young people cannot afford to rent in the town they grew up in. This is a tragedy that needs to stop. By supplying Newton residents with alternative housing options we will be keeping Newton families strong and together.

Some people seem to be concerned with the potential of increased traffic in Newtonville due to the new attractions. This obstacle can be easily overcome by better managing traffic lanes in the area, as this project proposes. Newton should embrace the opportunity provided by this development. Please support the Washington Place project.

Thank you,



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