

TO: City Councilor Richard Blazar
ATTN: Land Use Committee & David A. Olson (Clerk of the Council)
RE: Washington Place

Dear Councilors Blazar,

I am submitting these comments in support of the Washington Place project in Newtonville. The Orr Block should have been replaced many years ago as it has long fit no practical commercial or residential purpose. Replacing it with Washington Place would yield some important improvements both commercially and residentially as well as put forward some much needed traffic infrastructure upgrades.

This development would renew Newtonville's village experience. New retail stores and apartments will make the corner of Washington and Walnut Streets far more lively than it is today. Allowing this project to move forward seems like a simple decision to me. I hope you agree and support it.

Thanks,



DAVID A. OLSON, CLERK
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