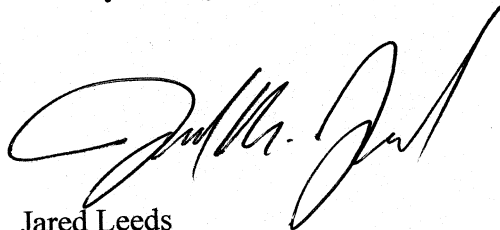


TO: Councilor Alison Leary
CC: City Clerk David Olsen

Dear Councilor Leary,

I am writing to ask you support the redevelopment of the Orr Block into the beautifully designed Washington Place proposal being put forward by Mark Development. This project will offer new affordable and middle class housing, helping Newton residents stay in Newton during a time of dramatically rising housing costs across the Greater Boston area. There are also other major community benefits beyond affordable housing that Newtonville will enjoy once Washington Place is built. The proposal includes almost 10,000 sq. ft. of outside space, with active streetscapes, greenspace, and art displays showcasing local artists. There will also be a new 2,000 sq. ft. community room open to the neighborhood. This project will have numerous positive impacts on our community, and I hope the Council will approve any and all zoning changes necessary to make Washington place a reality.

Thank you for your consideration,



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