Councilor James Cote City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Ave Newton Centre, 02459

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**Dear Councilor Cote,** 

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Washington Place development. As a Newton resident, I believe this is a worthwhile project that will benefit the community. The redevelopment of the Orr block has proposed a thoughtful design that includes a high focus on affordable and middle income housing as well as an open communal courtyard for public art and greenspace. We need many more housing units at a diversity of price points to make meet Newton's demand for affordable housing and address the increasing costs of rent in the area. This project will help revitalize Newtonville and add to the availability of affordable homes across the entire city. I urge the city council to approve this project.

Best wishes,

Bavid A. Olsen, CMC