

To the Land Use Committee

I am writing in **support of the Washington Place** (development) and the Draft Council Order.

I believe that this project meets many goals outlined in the following sections of Newton's Comprehensive Plan (Plan) including, but not limited to:

- Economic development;
- Appropriate land use
- Transportation and mobility
- Housing

As stated in the Plan, Newton must reconcile the community needs and individual wants. This has been apparent during the hearings before the Land Use Committee and the Planning and Development Board. The immediate abutters to this property have expressed their desire for minimal development while city planners and many others have expressed why this development is good for the whole community.

“Newton's planners and decision makers must put heavy emphasis on Newton's residential character but most (sic must) not lose sight of the important role of business in serving the community and in providing helpful job opportunities and tax revenues. Smaller scale commercial and residential development at moderate densities should be encouraged in the village centers to provide a focus for the local communities.” (The Comprehensive Plan p. 123)

On balance, there is no question that this development meets the intent of the Comprehensive Plan. I urge you to vote in favor of the draft Council Order for Washington Place.

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the effect of the Comprehensive Plan's policies are to serve as a guide to all future action by the Board of Aldermen concerning land use and development regulations, urban renewal programs, and expenditures for capital improvements

Comprehensive Plan is to set forth policies to govern the future physical development of the City