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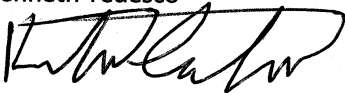
The Washington Place development in Newtonville is in the best interests of our community and tackles some major short-term and long-term challenges that residents in our town need addressed.

Local seniors, young people, recently married couples, and really anyone who would consider themselves "middle-class" are facing a growingly difficult housing market in Newton. Rental units are very, very scarce and housing affordability in general is beginning to vanish. Responsible, forward-thinking developments like Washington Place can offer affordable, fixed-rent units to those most needing them. Newton's middle class is getting smaller and smaller and that is not good for our economy and especially for those life-long residents who can no longer pay to live here.

Finally, this project will provide a real economic boost to the Orr Block-area that is sorely needed. New retail shops and green-space is exactly what Newtonville needs and Washington Place will provide both. I sincerely hope the City Council will vote in favor of the project when the time comes. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Thank you,

Kenneth Tedesco



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