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To the City Council;

I have reviewed the most recent plans for the proposed project at Washington Place and I fully support the project. This seems like a smart concept for that part of Washington Street facing the Turnpike with minimal impact to the residences behind. I appreciate the integrity of the architectural design concept, and support the need for the 5-story zoning change. The massing along Washington Street seems beautifully managed and the 5 stories at the corner of Washington and Walnut are in keeping with the taller Masonic Building across the bridge. The step down to 4 stories as you continue along Washington and Walnut Streets, with the 5th story beautifully setback, will respond to the scale of the surrounding neighborhood. I feel both Washington Street and Walnut Street are at a scale and width that can accommodate 5 and 4 stories naturally. This is an exciting project because it will continue to revitalize Newtonville and will better connect Washington Street with Newtonville and encourage economic investment and pedestrian vitality. If re-zoning for a 5th floor further ensures the success of the project financially and provides for more affordable housing and other amenities, then we should all support this project and the necessary re-zoning.

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