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From: David A. Olson
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:46 AM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Nadia Khan
Subject: FW: Support for Washington Place

From: Kevin McCormick
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 7:52 PM
To: David A. Olson
Subject: Support for Washington Place

Dear City Councilors,

Given the recent decision of the developer to pursue a 40B application, this email may be too late, but I still want to register my strong support for the current Washington Place proposal.

I live in Newtonville a few blocks from the proposed development at Washington Place and have lived there for over 20 years. I love Newtonville village center and look forward to its growth through the Austin St development. I think the Washington Place development would add even more vitality to the village. This development would also add well-needed housing, low to moderate, middle income and market rate housing, all of which are needed in Newton.

I did have some initial concerns about the 5 stories, but I understand how the developer used the 5 stories on Washington street to decrease the height on the residential abutters and feel the 5 stories is used sparingly. I also only recently realized that Cabot Park Village is 5 stories high. Cabot Park Village is about the same distance from my house as Washington Place and I drive or walk past it almost every day. Yet the I was never aware of the height. So for me a few instances of 5 stories in Newtonville is not an issue.

I hope there is still some way to bring about the current Washington Place proposal without going through the 40B route. I ask all of you to try to make that possible.

Thank you,

Kevin McCormick
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