

TO: Councilor Richard Blazar  
RE: Washington Place

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David A. Olson, Clerk  
Newton, MA 02459

I ask that you approve the Washington Place development. I believe that three new, beautifully designed contemporary structures will help Newtonville evolve further into a really fun place to live and visit. I also want to commend the developer for their commitment to strong environmental standards. Densely designed housing alone helps dramatically conserve energy. Units like this are much more energy efficient and can provide housing for many individuals while lowering energy costs and allowing for higher LEED certification potential.

I also want to commend the developer for their commitment to bringing more affordable apartments to town. A significant percentage of the project's housing units (an unprecedented 25%, a full 10% above legal requirements) will have their rents fixed and income restricted for middle class Newtonites. There are many benefits to this project and I hope you approve it ASAP.

  
Best wishes,