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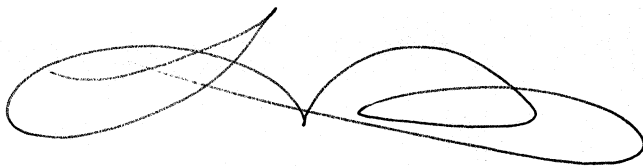
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Councilor Fuller,

I am very-much-so in favor of the Washington Place proposal over in Newtonville. This is an exciting project that will yield many important benefits for the neighborhood, including car and pedestrian traffic upgrades (including more parking). The Walnut Street bridge is certainly in need of some upgrades too and this project also proposes to beautify that area substantially.

This part of Newtonville really does need something new and refreshing there to attract new businesses and residents. And Washington Place will absolutely attract some new tenants: the development will be beautiful, utilizing sustainable and innovative design elements to create a stylish, mixed use development that incorporates both small scale retail and restaurant space on the bottom floor along with affordable and middle income housing above. Every aspect of this project is positive and I urge the Council to allow construction to begin as soon as possible.

Thank you,



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