

Councilor Jay Harney:

Sustainability should be a top-priority for any new development in Newton. Given the real dangers of climate change, we all need to do our part to ensure that sustainable practices are implemented wherever we can implement them. That's why I was thrilled to learn that the new Washington Place project seeks to earn a Gold LEED certification upon construction. Achieving this high standard of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program shows the developer's stern commitment to both conserve energy and lead by example.

There are, of course, many other important benefits to this project that should not be ignored. The large ratio of new affordable housing is another critical component of this project that will tremendously benefit Newtonville--especially low to middle income families. I strongly urge you and your colleagues to get behind this innovative and sustainable project. Thank you!

Respectfully,



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