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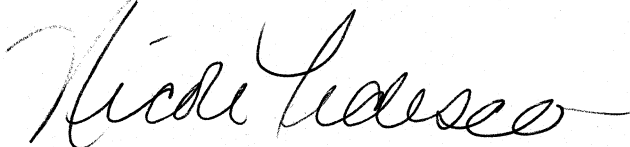
Councilor Jay Harney  
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Councilor Harney,

I am writing to you today because I strongly support the Washington Place redevelopment being put forward on the corners of Washington Streets and Walnut Streets in Newtonville. That area could really use some economic development and this project provides that with mixed use zoning for both housing and retail stores.

Keeping displaced people here is another important economic development aspect of this project. I know many young couples who can't afford to stay in Newton and have moved else-where as a result. My husband and I have been fortunate enough to stay in town, but many others are leaving. This poses a real "brain-drain" problem for Newton as many younger professionals leave the area. I hope the Council will continue the good work you're already doing on addressing this problem by approving Washington Place and fast-tracking other projects that share the noble goal of increasing affordability in Newton.

Thank you,



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