To: Councilor Emily Norton, CC: City Clerk David Olson Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Ave. Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Councilor Emily Norton,

I am submitting this letter to voice my strong support for the Washington Place project in Newtonville. The revitalization of this area is crucial to the long-term economic health of Newtonville. The new development will offer more affordable and middle-income housing options for local residents who could be having a difficult time affording Newton-area rents. As someone who recently moved to Newton, finding reasonably priced housing was tough for me. I can only imagine how much more difficult this will become as the Boston-area economy continues to grow aggressively. This project sets a good precedent for Newton, and I hope other developers will likewise emphasize affordability in future projects.

Washington Place is a fantastic proposal for many reasons. I urge the Newton City Council to green-light this project as soon as possible.

Sincerely

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