

TO: Councilor James Cote (ATTN: David Olson)
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David A. Olson, Clerk
Newton, MA 02459

RE: "Washington Place" Development in Newtonville

Dear Councilor Cote,

Washington Place should be approved by the Newton City Council. This project would represent the exact boost to Newtonville's local economy that this village has needed for some time. This is especially the case at the Orr Block, which has not been an appealing place for businesses or residents for many decades now.

In general, people simply do not want to shop or live in an area in such awful disrepair. Washington Place would give people another good reason to look at Newtonville as a place to visit and live too. I think we should move forward to replace the Orr Block with 3 contemporary buildings perfectly situated for mixed-use. As proposed, the buildings will have a large amount of commercial space available on the first floor accompanied with approximately 165 apartments above. Twenty five percent of these units will be affordable housing and middle income units. As the City Council knows, we need more developments that can introduce more affordable housing to Newton's real estate market. Please vote in favor of this much needed project.

Thank you

