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Comments on the Washington Place Project

I am writing to you because I want you to support the Washington Place project in Newtonville. This is a four - and in some sections five - story development that will bring a large number of commercial and residential units to the area. It will replace the worn down Orr Block located on the corner of Washington and Walnut St.

This development will revitalize the block with a new contemporary project that will sharply improve the village experience in Newtonville. An unprecedented number of the residential rental units will be offered at affordable rates. They will have capped rents that are income restricted to those earning low to moderate annual incomes, allowing struggling residents the opportunity to affordably stay in town. I believe that increasing the number of affordable housing units in Newton is critical if we wish to protect families and residents at the highest risk of gentrification. Washington Place gives us the ability to begin to address this issue while bringing jobs and new businesses to Newton at the same time. Please approve it.

Sincerely,

