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Dear Councilor Blazar:

I firmly believe that the Washington Place proposal is the right way to go for Newtonville. The reality is that Newton's housing market desperately needs new densely built apartment complexes. It is very harmful to Newton's middle class that such a scarcity of modestly priced apartments exists--many must move out of town because they can't find anything within their budget in town. Public servants--like our police officers, firefighters, and teachers--are disproportionately being faced with these challenges of gentrification. Washington Place will go above the 15% inclusionary zone requirement and add an additional 10% of "middle income" housing. This is exactly what Newton needs and I hope the Council will quickly approve the proposal.

Warm regards,

*Susan Koppe*