

Nadia Khan

From: David A. Olson
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:22 PM
To: Nadia Khan
Subject: FW: in support of Austin St and Washington Street projects

From: Tova Greenberg |
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 1:50 PM
To: citycouncil
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I'm told you're the folks I should be addressing my comments to. Please see below.
 Thank you for your attention.

Tova Greenberg

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From: **Tova Greenberg**
Date: Wed, Jan 18, 2017 at 6:29 PM
Subject: in support of Austin St and Washington Street projects
To: bheath@newtonma.gov

Dear Mr. Heath-

I've been to a couple of public hearings on these 2 proposed projects in my neighborhood. I haven't gotten up to comment on the record but I'd like to do so now.

Newton sorely needs to diversify our housing stock and these 2 projects are a perfect opportunity to do so. They're near transit and shopping, on under-utilized, ugly parcels. Additional housing would bring more people to support the businesses on Washington Street and Walnut Street that seem to be starting to perk up the neighborhood.

I've lived in Newton for 20+ years. My 20-something kids are currently living in an shabby apartment on Charlesbank Road but are looking to buy condos in other towns. It kills me when I see all the apartments going up in Waltham and Watertown when we have practically nothing! These projects are the perfect scale for the Mass Pike corridor and would be a welcome addition.

Thank you for your thoughtful input to ensure this project is optimized for the abutters, the neighborhood and Newton as a whole. Please make them happen!

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