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**From:** mariepresti@esteemedpropertiesinc.com on behalf of Marie Presti  
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**Sent:** Monday, October 06, 2014 9:29 AM  
**To:** Linda M. Finucane  
**Subject:** Medical Marijuana dispensary at 697 Washington St. Newton

I am the business owner of Realty Executives Esteemed Properties located at 701 Washington St. Newton which is the building adjacent to this location considering the marijuana dispensary. I am against allowing a marijuana dispensary being allowed at this location for the following reasons:

- This will cause a lot of traffic in this intersection more than what is already there. We have a problem now with people crossing the street because its such a dangerous intersection. This will cause more congestion at all hours and will pose a higher risk of people getting hurt as they cross the street. I believe the city will need to install a real stop light at this intersection to accommodate the increased foot traffic crossing the street.

- There are only so many metered parking spots and I'm afraid this will cause a parking issue for people trying to park for my business. I have consumer coming in an out of my building along with my fellow business owners in my building (there is a financial planner, dentist, and massage therapist also in my building). none of us have private parking spots and our customers all rely on the metered parking spots on the street for our customers. I'm fearful that this will cause chaos with the parking opportunities that exist now.

- I am a female business owner who works off hours and I have several other female works in my building and office. I too park either in the metered parking spots or across the street at Fahquar Rd. I have to walk to my car to head home at all hours of day and night since I frequented have to work nights and weekends to accommodate my customers. I am nervous that this type of business will create a bigger risk to me and my other female realtors who have to travel in the dark to our cars. Right now it is mostly a safe area. Given this is on both a bus stop line and a commuter stop line I fear it will bring in a great deal of "out of town" consumers that may not be of sound mind and body.

Feel free to call me if you'd like more information and my thoughts.

Best,  
Marie

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