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By electronic transmission

Councilor Marc Laredo, Chairman
 Land Use Committee
 Newton City Council
 1000 Commonwealth Avenue
 Newton, MA 02459

Re: 85 Fuller Terrace
 Public Hearing Petition #20-17

Dear Mr. Chairman:

After having thoughtfully considered the concerns of the neighbors and the remarks of the Committee members during the public hearing, my clients are requesting withdrawal of the above-referenced matter that is currently before the Land Use Committee. In particular the petitioners have been moved by the remarks of Councilor Schwartz who fervently requested that the petitioners not only consider the conversion of the structure to a conforming single-family home, but also that they refrain from maximizing the FAR in doing so.

My clients are simple builders not developers. Relationships and reputation are especially important to them. It is my understanding that they have been in contact with the nearest abutter to their left who had felt particularly aggrieved by the proposal. As evidence of their sincere effort to be good neighbors they have re-designed the addition to the home that reduces the west facade (facing him) from 33 feet to 22 feet and altered the roof line to lower the visual mass. The totality of these measures will result in the FAR being well within the allowable limit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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all Cc: Nadia Khan, Clerk of Committee *via email*
 Councilor Barbara Brousal-Glaser, *via email*
 Councilor Ted Hess-Mahan, *via email*

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