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Alderman Ted Hess-Mahan  
Chairman, Land Use Committee  
Board of Aldermen  
City of Newton  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Land Use Committee,

I am writing to express AvalonBay's support for the proposed Needham Street Village project, proposed by Bierbrier Development for 71, 55 and 49 Needham Street. As you may know, Avalon at Newton Highlands is a direct abutter and neighbor to the proposed project. We have met with the developer and view their proposal to be a positive development for Needham Street and the surrounding neighborhood. This type of development enhances the land-use experience of Needham Street in a way that is a logical next step for the corridor.

We look forward to working with Bierbrier in the coming months as their project proceeds, and encourage the land-use committee members to view the proposal favorably.

Sincerely,

William M. McLaughlin  
Executive Vice President of Development/Construction

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