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Dan Brody, Chairman  
Newton Community Preservation Committee  
Planning & Development Department  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
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Re: Newton Architectural Survey 1940-1972 Proposal

Dear Chairman Brody,

At its January 4, 2022 meeting, the Newton Historical Commission voted to support the request of the City's Planning Department for CPA funding for the Newton Architectural Survey 1940-1972. CPA funds would provide an important 50% match to the Massachusetts Historical Commission's FY22 Survey and Planning Grant.

The goal of the project is to preserve Newton's historically significant mid-twentieth century resources, which are vastly under surveyed, with over 3200 properties not yet looked at. Completed inventory forms will allow for a more complete understanding of the individual structures and neighborhoods constructed during this period, and if there is any historical significance yet to be uncovered. At the time of completion of the project, all of the resources that will be included on the final list for the project will be fifty years or older and will come under the Demolition Delay Ordinance. The completed documents will aid the city's Preservation Planners and the Historical Commission immensely as more inquiries and applications are submitted.

The Newton Historical Commission unanimously voted to support the proposal and is in favor of the project proceeding. Thank you for your interest in this valuable project.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Newton Historical Commission

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