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Community Preservation Committee  
c/o Lara Kritzer, Community Preservation Programs Manager  
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Re: Newton Architectural Survey 1940-1972 Proposal

Dear Community Preservation Committee members,

On behalf of the Department of Planning and Development, I am pleased to support the application submitted by this department for CPA funding of the Newton Architectural Survey 1940-1972 proposal. If granted, the city's Chief and Senior Preservation Planner are committed to managing the project and abiding by the standards and guidelines set forth by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Roughly two decades ago, the city completed two projects to begin to understand the city's largely unrecognized mid-century resources, and with the recent discussions of City Council to consider changing the age trigger in the Demolition Delay Ordinance from 50 to 75 years, it seems fitting to resume the project to have a more complete understanding of these buildings. The survey will provide the city with much needed information to help better implement its existing preservation tools and plans and continue to acquire a more complete assessment of all of its resources which come under the Demolition Delay Ordinance. In addition to aiding the work of the City's Preservation Planners and Historical Commission, the completed work will be available for the public for their own research and interest.

Sincerely,

Barney Heath, Director  
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