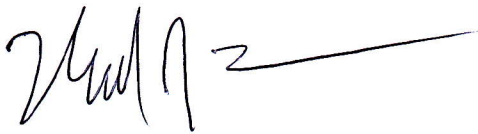


Dear Councilor Marc C. Laredo,

CC - David Olson, Newton City Clerk

I live about a mile away from where the Washington Place redevelopment is being proposed and I strongly support the project. There are many positive changes this project would create in Newtonville. Having a mixed use development in such close proximity of the Newtonville commuter rail station will be a substantial benefit for residents. Washington Place will also offer Newton residents a beautiful and sustainably-designed place to visit, relax, enjoy dinner, and go shopping too. Increasing on-site parking spaces as well as implementing significant upgrades to traffic management will help with the new customers Washington Place will attract to the area. Finally, and I believe most importantly, the development calls for new affordable and middle-income housing units specifically priced to attract and retain Newton's middle class. This project truly has it all and I hope the City Council will agree.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ravera', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Ravera
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