

Dear Councilor Leonard Gentile,

As one of my representatives on the Newton City Council, I would like to ask you to support the Washington Place project. The direct benefits of this project are too great to overlook. It will provide Newtonville with a considerable number of new small businesses, a large number of residential rentals ranging from low and moderate income housing to market costs apartments. Businesses already located in the area will benefit from the new foot traffic caused by the development as well.

This is also a prime location for a development like this. It is positioned right next to an MBTA station as well as across the street from I-90. Some are worried about the impact this development will have on traffic. In the long-term traffic conditions should actually be improved by the development. Traffic lanes and lights will be redesigned and placed to maximize efficiency. This will be accompanied with approximately 350 new parking spaces. Basically, the area will be far better utilized post-project than it is now. I hope that you will ultimately recognize these benefits and approve the permitting needed to get Washington Place done.

Sincerely,

*Alma J. Hayes*

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