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Dear Councilor Rice,

I hope you're doing well! I am writing to ask that you vote favorably in regards to the Washington Place proposal in Newtonville. Washington Place is being developed where the Orr building currently stands. For one thing, this building is in great need of redevelopment because it is falling apart and not well kept. Over time and with lots of neglect, it has become an eyesore in our community and needs to change.

Washington Place is going to provide more restaurant and commercial space and other dramatic updates to this space that will attract new business opportunities to Newtonville. Creating a new "downtown space" between North and South Newton for residents to visit and creating more affordable rental apartments are both ideal uses of this real estate. Please approve Washington Place's special permitting and zoning changes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Julia Mandehr