

**Councilor Richard A. Lipof (and Clerk Olson):**

I am writing to express my positive opinions on the redevelopment of the Orr Building known as Washington Place. I think Washington Place is going to be a fabulous community-oriented development for Newtonville. It has many benefits that we really need in that section of town.

The village "feel" does not currently exist with the Orr building as it currently stands and this proposed new space would certainly add that to the neighborhood. I'm especially happy that the project as envisioned will offer this space in a way meant to help connect the northern and southern section of Newton with a real village center. By adding more public space for people and business opportunities, we can really add to our local culture and economy.

Washington Place will spruce up the corner of Washington and Walnut significantly and turn it into something that we can enjoy and be proud of. So please vote in favor of Washington Place when the time comes and let's make this positive project a reality!

**Thank you for your consideration,**

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**Justin March**

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