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Dear Honorable Councilor James Cote,

The Orr Block has had some affordable rental apartments for years, however these units are run down, not well maintained, and that is exactly why they have remained affordable for all this time. It is also not an accommodating place for many seniors who are looking for affordable rental apartments somewhere in Newton. It is already quite difficult to find housing that's affordable and can also accommodate someone who is disabled like myself. Washington Place, since it will be a new building, will be ADA complaint. That is a big bonus for older people looking for an apartment. And by having 25% affordable apartments out of the total available, Washington Place will give many seniors a great chance to stay in Newton instead of moving somewhere that is cheaper. We need more rental complexes in Newton that keep seniors (and disabled seniors) in mind.

Please support bringing newer, up-to-code and affordable housing to Newtonville as the people who need housing arrangements like that the most are struggling to stay here. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, *Patricia Morrell*

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