

Letter to Newton City Council

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CC: dolson@newtonma.gov

Subject: Needham Street Development

Dear Councilor Schwartz and members of the Newton Land Use Committee:

I am writing to encourage you to vote in favor of the excellent proposal submitted to the Land Use Committee by Northland Investment Corporation, a locally-based real estate developer with an impressive track record of building top-notch places to live, work, and play. There are many reasons to support this project, but I'm most passionate about the housing crisis that is driving out many people who grew up here and can no longer afford to stay. This cuts many ways, impacting young professionals like me, retirees, and empty-nesters.

Diverse housing options will allow more people to call the Garden City their home. I also love how this development will create 7 acres of public green space over 5 new parks and plant 600+ new native trees. The "Village Green", as proposed, would be a wonderful place for the community. The improvements to the Upper Falls Greenway are long overdue too. I can't wait to visit and to use their Mobility Hub to get around town without my car!

This plan will breathe even more life into this dynamic and important neighborhood. Many people across Newton are beyond excited to see how this project will take shape. Thank you for listening.

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PS: Please note that I am of no relation to Stephen J. Buchbinder of Schlesinger & Buchbinder Attorneys at Law.