

To: Newton City Council

CC: Land Use Committee, David Olson (City Clerk)

Dear Newton City Councilors,

The Northland development team have proposed to build an exciting mixed-use development at the site of the Marshalls Plaza. It will consist of approximately 800 housing units located on top of ground floor retail space. The current proposal includes a number of parks for public use as well as a large village green at the heart of the development. All the buildings on the site will be either LEED certified or LEED certifiable, making it one of the most energy efficient builds possible.

There's a lot of great aspects to this proposal. The project will help neighborhood businesses with a steady flow of new customers moving into the area. The new housing options will greatly serve Newton's senior population by offering more manageable housing choices conveniently close to grocery stores, dining options, and more. It will also create a large amount of affordable housing units. As housing prices continue to increase, vulnerable families are finding it harder and harder get by in Newton. We need more units like like this and the Council should fast-track any proposal that would increase affordable housing in the city.

I think this is a project worthy of our great city and the support of the Newton City Council. I hope you will act accordingly and approve this development as soon as possible!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex B', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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