

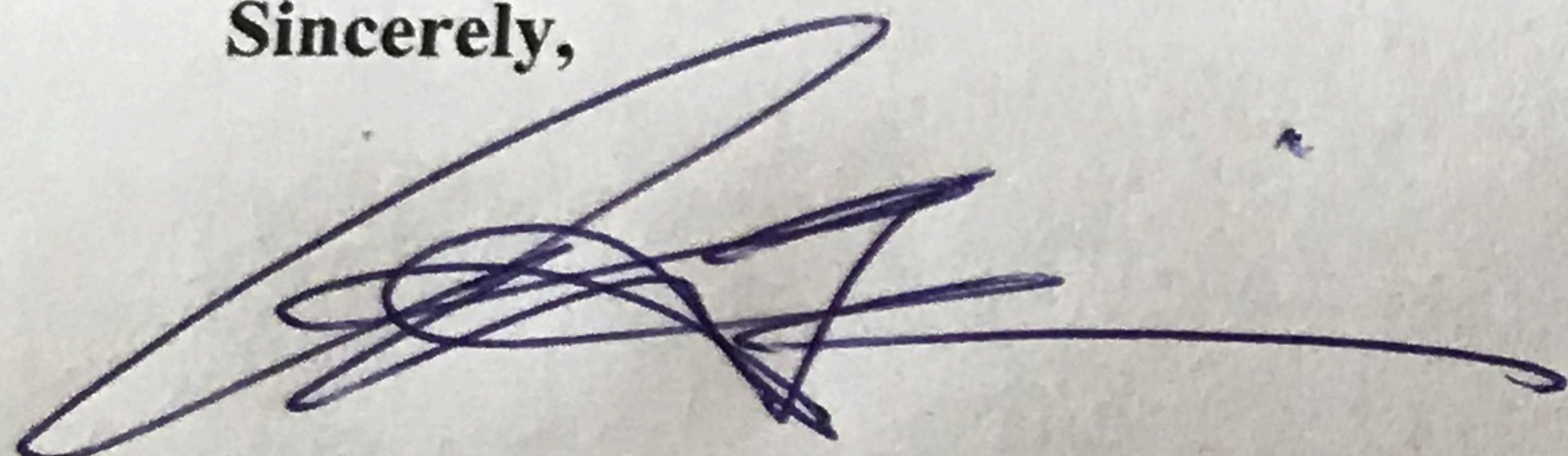
To the City Council of Newton,

I am writing to encourage you to vote in favor of the special permits and re-zoning requested by Northland for their Needham Street project. This mixed-use, smart-growth development will be a great asset to our neighborhood, turning an ugly industrial site and parking lot into residences, shops, restaurants and functional green space for everyone to enjoy with their families.

New public transportation in the area will be another great benefit. The “mobility hub” will offer affordable shuttle bus service not just to residents of the development, but to the neighborhood at large as well. This is fantastic for obvious reasons, but it will also help lessen traffic in the area as less commuters will need a car.

This is the best chance our neighborhood has had to make this area an actual piece of the fabric of our community. Please authorize Northland to move forward with construction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Marino', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anthony Marino