

Newton City Council
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Councilors:

The Newton City Council ought to support the housing, office, and retail development being proposed for the Needham Street corridor by Northland Investment Corporation.

I support this housing development largely because it will offer affordable housing options for seniors, as well as other people of different backgrounds and income levels for whom affordable housing is a necessity. The Needham Street development will provide the largest number of affordable housing units that Newton has ever seen - 123 units to be exact based on the current proposal. These apartments would benefit seniors on fixed incomes and provide them with beautiful housing, easy-to-walk-to shopping, and lots of parks and outdoors spaces to pursue healthy living. Elder members of the Newton community could take advantage of these living quarters and would not have to relocate out of Newton because their budgets are tight.

With the option of public transportation provided by the mobility hub that the development is offering, seniors can also access Boston's best health care options without having to drive themselves, schedule rides, or pay for expensive taxis and Uber/Lyft rides.

Please consider the ways that this development by Northland could enhance the lives of the aging Newton residents who have given so much to their city.

Best wishes,



Sally Diloreto