

Dear Newton City Councilors,

I have learned more about the proposal to redevelop the site around the Sacco-Pettee Mill in the Upper Falls and I'd like to voice my support to the Council of what I believe is an excellent plan.

The developer is looking to build a series of mixed-use buildings on the approximately 22 acre parking lot near the intersection of Needham Street and Oak Street. They are seeking to build 800 residential rental units with 115,000 sq ft of retail space, while repurposing the Sacco-Pettee Mill building into office space. This mix of housing and commercial uses offers a unique economic development opportunity for Newton Upper Falls in terms of new jobs and new affordable housing.

The site has been a prime location for redevelopment for some time and I believe it must be one of the most underused pieces of real estate in all of Newton. Once the developer has completed this project, it will revitalize the whole Needham Street corridor, offering comprehensive mass transit options, several acres of public green space, amongst other important community benefits. This project will also generate millions of dollars in tax revenue for the city.

I believe this is an exemplary project and I hope you and your colleagues will agree.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Uri Natanel', written in a cursive style.

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