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**RE: Support for Proposed Zoning Amendments**

Via email: JRaitt@town.arlington.ma.us

Dear Jenny,

I am a homeowner in East Arlington; I have lived in Arlington for almost 35 years, first as a renter, and for the past 25 years as a homeowner in Precinct 3. During that time, I have seen housing prices (and rents) skyrocket.

To my mind, a significant factor is a shortage of housing, especially housing that is affordable to lower-income households. It is also true that housing affordable to middle-income households is also in extremely short supply.

I want to express my support of the proposed zoning amendments that increase permissible density, and that allow for accessory dwelling units. These amendments are to be presented at the April 2019 Town Meeting.

If additional changes, such as added density bonuses for adding affordable housing units are suggested, I would be in favor of those changes too.

Lastly, I also want to acknowledge the hard work done by the Planning & Community Development staff for undertaking the drafting and presentation of these amendments.

I encourage the Redevelopment Board to approve all proposed amendments to increase density and to permit accessory apartments .

Sincerely,

  
Rochelle (Shelly) Dein