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Subject: Re: Support zoning changes

Hi Chris,

Thank you for your comments.

Best,
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Subject: Support zoning changes

Dear Ms. Zwirko,

I am writing in support of the proposed zoning changes to increase the amount of housing and mixed-use development along commercial corridors.

The cost of housing in the Boston area is out of control. Arlington needs to do its part by increasing the supply of housing in areas where it makes sense. The proposed zoning changes would provide more opportunities for smaller, more affordable units in places well served by transit. The current zoning places overly restrictive requirements on factors such as parking, lot size, and open space that increase the costs of developing multi-family housing. Households are getting smaller and we need to diversify the housing stock to accommodate young people, elders, and families.

I support reductions in minimum parking requirements. Cities around the country are increasingly cutting back on minimum parking requirements. Many households in Arlington own only one car, or even none.

I agree that good design is important. Existing homeowners should be protected against shadows through appropriate height buffers and setbacks.

I hope the town's leaders and residents can move forward with zoning changes to better support today's housing needs.

Sincerely,

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