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Harold,

Thank you for your comments.

Best,  
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On Mar 27, 2019, at 2:50 PM, [ArlingtonGovt@HaroldHelson.us](mailto:ArlingtonGovt@HaroldHelson.us)  
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Dear town officials:

I am very concerned about the initiative to increase Arlington density.

1. I like the town the way it is. We don't need to increase the population in order to help Boston's housing needs.
2. I've come to understand that the initiatives, while claiming to increase affordable housing, would do the opposite.
3. New construction would be ugly and not in keeping with our historic town. I also don't want tall buildings.
4. The initiatives would worsen traffic and parking.

Not to be cynical, but I imagine the initiatives are being promoted by the crass interests of developers. We've had a number of recent constructions that were illegal and/or ugly. I doubt new construction would be any different.

Finally, these initiatives are being pushed through too quickly, without adequate study. Has the long-promised shadow study ever appeared? Have the effects on traffic been studied? **The likely negative effects of zoning changes have not been sufficiently studied.**

I need you to put aside commercial interests and protect the Arlington we currently love. Oppose these changes.

Respectfully yours,

Harold Helson

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