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Subject: Re: opposition to the pro-density Articles

Dana,

Thank you for writing to us to express your concerns. The Redevelopment Board, which is Arlington's Planning Board, voted to recommend action on a number of warrant articles last night. Their votes considered and incorporated the input of many residents through public comments received both at public meetings and by email, including removing the allowance of open space on roofs, addressing concerns about shadows from higher-story buildings onto lower-story buildings, and increasing affordability requirements. The Board will be issuing their Report to Town Meeting soon which will illustrate how public feedback was incorporated into the proposed amendments and describe their rationale for how they voted on each Article.

We would be glad to discuss the votes and the proposed amendments with you anytime. We are holding Office Hours on Thursday, April 11th from 5-7 pm in the Department of Planning and Community Development. We are also holding informational meetings at the following schools: Peirce (tonight), Thompson on 4/3, Hardy on 4/4, and Brackett on 4/10 - all meetings start at 7 pm.

All of the materials presented to and considered by the ARB are available at www.arlingtonma.gov/arb, including links to ACMi recordings of meetings. The Report to Town Meeting will be posted to this page and the Town Meeting page.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Thank you again,
Jenny

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To Members of the Arlington Redevelopment Board,

I am writing to express my opposition to the pro-density Articles and to express my concerns about how these Articles would impact the town.

These Articles, if passed, will reduce open space in Arlington. In addition to having a detrimental impact on the green space in the town, I am concerned about the adverse impact on our schools, which are already over crowded.

I understand that this is being touted as helping provide affordable housing in Arlington but as far as I can tell, there is nothing in the Articles that will provide for affordable housing units. If affordability is truly a goal of the Articles, this needs to be spelled out with clearly defined goals and a method to achieve the goals.

The pro-density Articles will have a negative impact on the character and beauty of the town and I hope that you will oppose them.

Thank you for your time,
Dana Buske
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