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### **Another Bank Storefront in Arlington Center?**

Bank Storefronts crowd out the uses that people actually want, and "deaden" the very places we are trying to enliven. 645 Mass Ave is larger and more prominent than many storefronts in Arlington Center. We can't lose it to yet another bank especially when many of us bank online now--the banks all want these locations simply as advertising their brand, and to compete with each other, not because they are "essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare."

There are already nine banks within a short distance, even walking distance, to this location, so it's hardly desirable or necessary for the public convenience :

449 Mass Ave, Leader Bank

880 Mass Ave, TD Bank

626 Mass Ave, Cambridge Savings Bank

856 Mass Ave, Brookline Savings Bank

699 Mass Ave, Citizens Bank

655 Mass Ave, Bank of America

980 Watertown Savings Bank

864 Mass Ave, Leader Mortgage

905 Mass Ave, Citizens Bank ATM

833 Santander

325 Broadway, Chase ATM

Chase also has a full service branch a 6 minute drive from Not Your Average Joes

"essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare". I don't think so....

**Please do NOT let another large Bank Storefront come to the center and displace a potential restaurant site or other essential use.**