

Support for MBTA Communities plan

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the Town of Arlington's new zoning plan under the MBTA Communities Act. I live in a five-story apartment building with dozens of units that is within a mile walk of Alewife (or four short stops on the 350 bus). I moved to Arlington four years ago when I was priced out of Cambridge but I have come to love this town and the sense of community, and being able to walk to places like Breadboard Bakery and the many businesses downtown. I would love to become a homeowner in Arlington as well, and the kind of additional density that the zoning changes would allow seem perfect for me as a single adult -- a single-family house is too much space, but a duplex or condo in a larger unit would allow me to put down permanent roots while still living in a walkable area and not adding another car to the roads.

I know there are many loud voices fearmongering about the effects this new zoning will have on our town. I want to put my voice in on the side of adding space for residents of Arlington and any and all measures to ensure that future housing is affordable, environmentally friendly, and welcoming.

Sincerely,

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