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Subject: In support of our historic properties

Dear Ms. Ricker and Board Members,

We are not fully apprised of all the ramifications of this proposal, but if historic architecture of this town is being threatened, I'd say more discussion about what the needs are should happen.

We are concerned, actually overall, by all the zoning variances given to new building in Arlington in the past few years. It appears that developers are being allowed to change the nature of our town in very significant ways. I see we've allowed no set backs, lack of anything but the most cursory greenery on the street, allowed buildings more in character with the streets of New York City than the architecture of our Town. It's almost as if we wish to look like almost any other city that apparently has no laws about cohesiveness of architecture. The carte blanche given to developers is appalling, and now you want to allow no consideration for historic buildings? Are we to allow land grabs for "progress" that destroy what we most love about being here?

What we need more of are town planners who actually care about the people who are living here, new and old. If you build just anything, you are ruining what people came here for in the first place. We'd like to be in compliance with State laws, and for more people of different incomes to be able to live here. We grew up here, and love that the Town is so welcoming, but sad that so many people cannot afford to live here. We are definitely not in support to something that seems so badly thought out. Change may need to happen, but our planning board should not just lie down for it.

Very Sincerely,
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