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Subject: Re: Please do not approve over-compliance with the MBTA density increase mandate

To the Town elected and appointed officials,

As a long time resident and Town Meeting Member for many years, I do not see any way that building simply more housing will increase affordability. More housing will only mean more market rate, that is, very expensive housing, which is what is being built now. There is a huge market for housing and many wealthy people who want to move to Arlington.

I suggest you look at what Silver Spring, MD did, especially its municipal bonding, to decrease housing costs. We could do something like this in Arlington if we are really concerned about affordable housing.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/25/business/affordable-housing-montgomery-county.html>

Sincerely, Michael Jacoby Brown, TMM, Pct. 17