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Subject: MBTA Density Overlay

Hello,

I am writing to you in regards to the MBTA working group's current proposal for the MBTA density overlay. Here are a few points I would love to see addressed:

1. Where is the plan that shows zoning to allow the 2,046 units required by the law? Why can't we start with the minimum and add later if the town wants to?
2. Why are we going so far beyond what is required, when we are already one of the densest communities in the state?
3. Under what authority does the WG have to over-comply at such an extreme level?
4. How does this benefit Arlington residents at all? What studies of impact on town finances, real estate taxes, congestion, schools, roads/fire/sewer and open spaces/trees have been done?
5. I would like to see a ballot question asking the citizens of Arlington their thoughts on the current proposal. This is a very important issue a survey with 213 responses is not enough.

Thank you,

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