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To: Eugene Benson; Kin Lau; Stephen Revilak; Rachel Zsembery; SBadm

Subject: Support for the MBTA-C working group proposal

Dear Arlington Redevelopment Board,

I am writing to express my strong support for the MBTA-C working group's proposal. The need for more housing in Arlington and the greater Boston region is urgent. Allowing more housing to be built will make a real difference in people's lives by allowing them to put down roots in our community, live closer to major employment centers and support our local businesses. It's urgent for fighting climate change – the further away people have to live, the more gas they need to burn. Our community, our neighborhood character, is created by people – people who want to live here because of our great schools, proximity to educational and career opportunities, people who want to build community ties and keep the ones they've already built.

The working group's plan incorporates many of Arlington's values – it allows for buildings large enough to trigger affordable housing and elevators (important for ADA accessibility), it is close to major transit routes, allowing greater transportation options and incentives keeping commercial space on Mass Ave and Broadway. It also allows the possibility of enough housing to be built to make a meaningful increase in availability for people, which the minimum compliance model decidedly does not.

Please support this proposal.

Regards,

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