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Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 11:00 AM

To: Rachel Zsembery; Eugene Benson; Kin Lau; Stephen Revilak; Alissa Butterworth; Ashley Maher

Subject: MBTA Density Overlay -- Vote NO!

Dear ARB members,

As a resident of Arlington for 30 years, I strongly oppose the building of any more housing units than dictated by the State. We already have a densely populated town of about 46,000 residents, more than many adjacent towns. We want to continue to live in a Town -- not a City, not a Bee Hive, not an Ant Colony.

More 6 story structures along Mass. Ave. and Broadway, and 4 story structures on side streets will alter the quality of life in Arlington, change the character of neighborhoods, exacerbate parking and travel, and strain police, education, and other services.

Many residents are unaware of this ill-begotten plan. It has not been adequately publicized. No studies or analysis has been conducted by the Town to assess the impact on finances or services.

This will only provide profits to developers. It will not make Arlington more affordable. Arlington housing costs, like those of other towns and cities in the area, are governed by the real estate market and current mortgage interest rates. Instead, this plan will irrevocably alter the quality of life in Arlington for the worse.

See you tonight at the Town Meeting!

Sincerely,
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