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To: Eugene Benson; Shaina Korman-Houston; Kin Lau; Stephen Revilak; Rachel Zsembery; Claire Ricker

Subject: please vote No Action on articles 33 & 34

Dear Members of the ARB -

I'm writing to ask that you vote "No Action" on articles 33 and 34.

Article 33 asks for taller business/commercial structures right next to residential zones – why, when we just allowed more and larger buildings in October with the MBTA Communities Act? These changes are too much, too soon - we don't even know how Arlington's over-compliant MBTA plan will play out yet!

Article 34 seeks to eliminate single-family zoning, which was attempted (and failed) less than 2 years ago. Why ask Town Meeting to entertain the same tired proposal again? I attended every single meeting when this was discussed in 2022 and the majority of public comments were against eliminating single-family zoning.

Per usual, there have been zero studies as to the effect on school enrollment, traffic, parking, etc. Most of us live in Arlington because we don't want to live somewhere as dense as Cambridge or Somerville, while a small vet vocal minority pushes for radical density. The ARB should approve proposals that improve our quality of life and disallow those that degrade it. Voting for more luxury condos and towering commercial buildings is not the way to go.

Sincerely,
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