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To: Rachel Zsemlery

Subject: Public Comment for meeting tonight: Public Hearing: Docket #3862, 126 Broadway

Hi Rachel,

If you could include this letter in the materials tonight it would be much appreciated:

I am a long time Arlington resident and home owner and have concerns about the proposed project at 126 Broadway.

1. Although this development may be allowed under the MBTA act, it will completely change the character of the neighborhood. Currently Broadway is a semi-residential street with 2 family homes and green space. This building is taking a residential lot and completely filling it with building with no setbacks and 2 stories higher than the surrounding homes.
2. It is right on a busy corner with a lot of pedestrian traffic and such a tall building will block visibility and make the corner even more dangerous.
3. It will block light and views of all of the surrounding homes and be the single slab building towering amongst small 2 family homes.
4. It is not allowing adequate parking, not even to the MBTA act standards, which will lead to more congestion and parking problems on Broadway that already doesn't have enough street parking for residents and to visit small businesses in that area.

Even if this building can legally be built (which is questionable) it doesn't mean we should. This type of development will pave the way for more buildings like it turning Arlington into corridor of huge apartment buildings instead of a suburban town with lower buildings and green space.

Please reconsider allowing this development to move forward as currently planned.

Thank you!

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