

December 13, 2016

Town of Brookline
333 Washington Street
Brookline, MA 02445

RE: 384 Harvard Street

Dear Members of the ZBA

I am writing in support of the 40B project proposed for 384 Harvard Street. I am a Brookline resident and business owner. At this time, when Brookline, especially North Brookline, is being inundated with 40B projects, this particular project stands out for having a positive impact on Brookline. There is a need in our community for affordable elderly housing and Coolidge Corner, with its access to public transportation, healthcare, restaurants, shops, entertainment and the Senior Center is a logical location.

It is heartening to see two institutions such as JCHE and KI work together to improve our community. There is an ever increasing and as yet unmet need for affordable senior housing in Brookline. This project will give long term residents who need to downsize yet can't afford to move elsewhere in Brookline an opportunity to stay in their community.

This particular project will not impact school enrollment. JCHE and KI are committed to a process whereby neighborhood concerns around traffic, setbacks and green space are taken into consideration.

As a business owner and resident of Brookline, I find this particular 40B project exciting. It fills a serious need, will add to the fabric of the neighborhood, and is being developed by the combined efforts of two reputable and committed non-profit institutions. This is the type of 40B development our community needs to encourage and it deserves our collaboration.

Sincerely,



Nathan E. Peck
President

CC: Board of Selectmen, Melvin Kleckner