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----------Original Message----------

From: Al Yerkes

Dear Maria Morelli

Thank you for allowing me to submit my thoughts concerning the proposed construction at 40 CENTRE ST.

My name is Alvin Yerkes at 41 Centre St. for almost 35 years.

1. 84 years old
2. disabled widower who uses a cane when walking
3. Reserve Air Force Officer on active duty during the Korean war
4. have Diabetes and A-Fib and Emphesema and Congestive Heart Failure and use hearing aides and use eyeglasses and many other ailments
5. required to walk by doctors so not to become fully disabled
6. little league coach in city I lived in before coming to Brookline.
7. member of my Religious Temple for over 35 years.
8. have given to charities my whole life,even when I could not afford to give very much

I am a good solid citizen by all standards.But I am just a LITTLE GUY. A NOBODY. Please help me.
Many friends and relatives are dead.Those remaining are not local .What little life I have left involves the Senior Centre on Winchester St or Coolidge Corner for a cup of coffee or shopping.My doctors want me to walk lest I become a total invalid.

The traffic is getting heavier and more dangerous than ever on Centre St.It is just a matter of time for some catastrophy to happen with the traffic.We should be reducing the number of apartments ,not increasing them.

Sometimes on Centre St. I am almost run over by ambulances ,police cars,fire engines, cars,trucks, vans, MBTA ride vehicles,motorcycles.These vehicles seem always to be speeding to and from 100 and 140 Centre st complexes and rushing every which way

I am frightened .Will I be maimed or killed? I hope not. I must keep going walking.PLEASE HELP ME.The streets are not safe now.Added apartments will only cause more danger.

Centre St.is already overbuilt and congested. We do not need additional apartments and the added traffic and congestion this will bring.The developers always seem to win .I am just a
LITTLE GUY.No influence No way to stop the developers with their fancy lawyers, accountants and engineers PLEASE HELP ME.
I have taken up too much of your time already

Let me end by telling the board that I favor affordable housing more than anyone reading this letter.But CENTRE ST. is not the place.Let's build in a less congested area.

I grew up very poor.Eleven people consising of parents siblings,aunts uncle,cousin and grandmother living in a small single family house in Roxbury with one main bathroom and one auxilliary poorly built bathroom in the

cellar.We always seem to have mice in the house.Space was limited.My sister slept on a convertable couch in the living room.

I worked full time at the original Radio Shack at 167 Washington St..Boston to pay for my college.My father ran a laundry and died broke and bankrupt.He died in the V.A hospital in
Jamaica Plain.It was a full service hospital in the olden days. He was in the Navy during WWI He died at age 65 and never collected one penny of social security

I take a back seat to no one when it comes to helping others Unlike most people, I know what real poverty is.But the current plans for the proposed 40 Centre st.construction is plain and simple a help only for the developers to make money and to HELL WITH EVERYONE ELSE!

Thanks again for your time
ALVIN YERKES