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Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 11:17 PM
To: Neil Wishinsky; Alison Steinfeld
Subject: Proposed development at 1299 Beacon Street

Dear Chairman Wiskinsky and Members of the Board:

I am a resident of 70 Sewall Avenue, Unit 7, and I am writing in regards to the proposed 12-story building at 1299 Beacon Street with projected parking entrance/exit on Sewall Ave. I am concerned about the impact of an additional 180+ cars on the pedestrian and vehicular congestion on Sewall Avenue for the following reasons:

- 1) The parking access to the proposed building would be directly between two highly trafficked areas - the Post Office loading docks and the Trader Joe's parking lot. The short stretch of Sewall Avenue between Longwood and Charles Street is already a pedestrian and driving challenge. Post office trucks are often double (and triple) parked - requiring pedestrians (many of whom are elderly) to walk in the center of the road and do their best to avoid on-coming traffic.
- 2) Throughout the day access to the Trader Joe's parking lot is clogged with cars approaching from two directions – necessitating security guards directing traffic – as well as shopping carts and pedestrians with strollers, canes, walkers and motorized wheelchairs.
- 3) In addition, the location of Temple Sinai on the other side of the post office compounds the traffic back-up on Sewall as parents drop-off and pick-up their children from afternoon school.
- 4) Sewall is a one-way street from Longwood to Charles Street — the site of the proposed entrance to the 1299 Beacon garage. Parking is often taken up with Post Office trucks, making the street very narrow and difficult for two lanes of traffic to pass, and even more difficult for pedestrians. Between Charles Street and St. Paul, Sewall is narrow with parking on one side. I am frequently unable to see the street when I exit my driveway, as vision is often blocked by parked trucks, delivery vehicles and construction vehicles.

I am at a loss to imagine how the area could live with the dramatically increased traffic, congestion and safety concerns for any residential population, much less one with a high porportion of elderly and infirm residents. They are brave enough to get on with their lives as it is! Don't make it even harder

Thank you

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