

Maria Morelli

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Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Maria Morelli
Subject: Babcock Place 40B proposal

Hello Maria – Please forward this letter to all Planning Board and ZBA members and please post to website. Thank you.

Dear members of the Brookline ZBA and PB,

We have lived at 95 Babcock Street since 1978, and want to express our serious concerns about the proposed development on our street. The proposed building is too tall, too large, too box-like and completely out of character with our neighborhood of single family homes and three story apartment buildings. The footprint is just too large and oppressive. It looks like an office building stuck smack in a residential neighborhood. It does not have appropriate setbacks, lacks enough parking for the number of units, and proposes eliminating trees and green space from our already dense neighborhood. This building as proposed would substantially change not only the character of our neighborhood it would also decrease our property values. We echo the concerns our neighbors have expressed about safety, about noise pollution, about traffic, and about parking.

This building as designed does not belong in this residential neighborhood. We do not object to development per se, but object strongly to this particular proposal. We would welcome the opportunity to comment on a smaller, well designed residential looking building in harmony with its surroundings and ask that you mandate the developer return with a revised proposal.

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