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FW: Robert Rosenkrantz: 1299 Beacon Street Proposal

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Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2018 4:40 PM

To: Maria Morelli

Subject: 1299 Beacon Street Proposal

Dear Maria,

This letter is being sent in opposition to the proposed development at 1299 Beacon Street.

I am extremely concerned about the impact the current planned development will have on the health and welfare of all of the residents of Brookline and others who rely on the services in the Longwood Medical area. As I am sure you are aware, Longwood Avenue is the main feeder street for fire engines and ambulances rushing to the vital hospitals down the street. These emergency vehicles already have a difficult time negotiating the Longwood traffic, in part because of the congestion resulting from the cars going in and out of a very busy Trader Joes parking lot. The planned development will greatly add to the traffic problems through the flow of 100 cars in and out of 1299 Beacon and onto Sewell. Sewell is a narrow street with congestion problems of its own due to Post Office Truck traffic and cars picking up and dropping off kids at Temple Sinai. The current development plans will make things worse, crowding out Sewell and backing up traffic onto Longwood Avenue. When mere minutes can be the difference between life and death, causing more traffic in this critical pathway for emergency vehicles is unacceptable.

I am also opposed to the development because:

1. There is little or no space allocated for truck deliveries, again ensuring traffic congestion;

2. The building design is out of character with the rest of Cooledge Corner and too high and too big for its small footprint;

3. No space is allocated for green space, making Brookline a more sterile and uninviting place to live.

In short, the Town of Brookline should do everything possible to block this development as currently planned for either the hotel or mixed commercial/residential usage.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

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