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To: Maria Morelli <mmorelli@brooklinema.gov>
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With regards to the abutters (us) being "OK with the project" and we are paraphrasing here, this is accurate to the extent that we knew something was eventually going to be built there, but at the time of our discussions, there was nothing specific for us to be either for or against, and so we have never expressed one way or another any sentiments regarding a specific

project to the Danesh Group. Over the past weekend was the first time we actually saw anything about the project. We are not against development and also respect the rights of people to do on their properties as the law allows, and so have no objection in principle to the Danesh Group project. We would like to reiterate the sentiment expressed by many neighbors that it would certainly be preferable if the scale and appearance more closely matched that of the existing streetscape (on Harvard, not necessarily Kenwood), and concur with the neighbors that something closer to 4 stories would be more in line with the neighborhood.

We also agree with the request that every effort be made to minimize the inconvenience to those closest to the construction by respecting noise ordinances and sound decibel levels during construction and doing everything possible to maintain safe traffic and pedestrian patterns during the construction. There have also long been problems with very large rats related to the deli and construction tends to exacerbate that and would really like an aggressive rodent management plan during the construction to avoid their displacement into our property. We look forward to a continued positive relationship with our neighbors and the Danesh Group as this project progresses. Please feel free to contact us if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Walid Yassir and Lisa Prosser
([9 Kenwood St.](#))