

## Valerie Birmingham

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**From:** Margaret Waller <margaretwaller@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2021 9:27 AM  
**To:** Valerie Birmingham  
**Subject:** Hey Val ... we are Pierce mama friends so am writing YOU

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Hello hello Valerie!

Forty Kent street is magnificent- including the bar/tavern inside which helps keep the spirits of our vets. We must keep our ears to the ground and know it contains vast invisible chapters of our Village's soul.

Considering it's demolition seems a bit like selling off artifacts of Brandeis's Rose Museum during the serious economic downturn of 2008: short term gain, long term pain.

As you probably know, the once advertised as a pre-school child care center to-be at 437 Harvard Street has developed into a grotesque irony; would we want our kids entering corporate America at such an impressionable age?



This past fall at The Farmers Market, two eager, BHS girls of Asian descent were collecting signatures to move our Town government to a City form, considered less cumbersome by some. Any 'can-do' female energy delights me, so, I, a grey haired mama without 21st century technical competence, tried to explain about the town's three century dimensions which, by choosing to incorporate in 1705 and be independent of Boston, began the foundational roots of a remarkable, democratic, messy, awkwardly slow town government and school system. Having been a social worker/school adjustment counselor in both Brookline and Newton, I'm aware of contrasts.

The basic question is:

'Who are we to demolish anything with such dimensions of our Villages meaning and history? Where is our humility? We are but stewards of the heart and soul of our Village

Thank you for reading, Val  
Please use me if/when needed  
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**From:** Rhoda Goodwin <rsgoodwin@rcn.com>  
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**To:** Valerie Birmingham  
**Subject:** 40 Kent Street

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Dear Ms Birmingham,

I am writing to request a stay of demolition for the property at 40 Kent Street. It would be tragic to lose yet another beautiful historic home in Brookline. We have seen far too many historic homes, especially in North Brookline, demolished.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rhoda Goodwin

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**From:** Petra Bignami <petrabignami@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2021 10:22 AM  
**To:** Valerie Birmingham  
**Subject:** 40 Kent Street

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Dear Val,

I am writing to you to convey my support for a demolition stay on 40 Kent Street. I've read and reviewed the history and background on the building and urge the Preservation Committee to prevent demolition so that additional options may be considered for this historic building.

Thank you.

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**From:** KRISTINE L KNAUF <kknauf@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2021 11:11 AM  
**To:** Valerie Birmingham  
**Subject:** preserve 40 Kent

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Dear Valerie

please consider a stay for 40 Kent Street demolition.

Give the town time to see if we can make this home part of an LHD.

I am writing from another side of town so I am not an abutter, just wanting preservation of Brookline's buildings hence history.

Thank you,  
Kristine Knauf  
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