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**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2023 5:46 PM  
**To:** Select Board <selectboard@brooklinema.gov>  
**Cc:** Lisa Portscher <lportscher@brooklinema.gov>  
**Subject:** I support the MBTA-CA 'Consensus' Warrant Article

Dear members of the Select Board,

I strongly support your 'Consensus' Warrant Article.

Best regards,  
John

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**From:** Elaine Thoennes <e.c.thoennes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2023 5:12 PM  
**To:** Select Board <selectboard@brooklinema.gov>  
**Cc:** Lisa Portscher <lportscher@brooklinema.gov>  
**Subject:** Affordable Housing/Accessible Housing

My daughter and I live in Brookline. We love Brookline. We are in need of affordable and accessible housing. I'm a senior on retirement and she is an adult on disability who uses a wheelchair. Locating housing to fit our needs is extremely difficult. Additional housing needs to meet these criteria sooner rather than later as Brookline moves into future.

I strongly support the Select Board's Consensus Warrant Article.  
Thank you.

**From:** Dave Porter <dcporter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2023 8:56 AM  
**To:** Lisa Portscher <lportscher@brooklinema.gov>  
**Subject:** MBTACA comment

Hi – my name is Dave Porter. My wife and I are homeowners in Precinct 6 and are the parents of two kids at Runkle. I'm writing to express my strong support for the Consensus Warrant Article (WA1) as a way to meaningfully comply with MBTA-CA and to address the severe shortage of housing for people of all incomes in Brookline and Greater Boston. More people means more support for great local businesses & restaurants, and a broader tax base for better Brookline services. And it means more, and a more diverse, community. It's just plain the right thing to do.

Best, Dave

**From:** Dru Greenwood <drurygreenwood@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2023 11:25 AM  
**To:** Lisa Portscher <lportscher@brooklinema.gov>; dpollak@abacusarchitects.com  
**Subject:** Testimony on Brookline's response to the MBTA CA

I am writing to **fully support the "Consensus Warrant Article"** which will include rezoning Harvard Street to allow multi-family homes to be built by right along the length of Harvard Street, allowing for 700-900 new units, including at least 120 at varying levels of affordability. I do this for all the reasons: we need to do our part to increase the housing stock in this crisis; the commercial district along Harvard needs the increased foot traffic to maintain vibrancy--enough with nail salons and banks!; I think the new form-based plan is inspired; we are rich in Green line stops--B, C and D--let's use them

fully to ease traffic!; and I want the diversity that comes with not only accommodating wealthy and income-limited households, but also middle-class professional families.

I've lived in my condo for 9+ years and in that time 3 wonderful young professional families have sequentially rented the apartment next to mine. As their children have grown and they've needed more space, each has wanted to stay in Brookline and been prepared to buy. None has been able to do so--little inventory and sky-high prices. Those of us who live in Brookline (at all income levels) know how lucky we are to live here. With the Consensus Warrant Article, we can go some way toward making space for the full diversity of families.

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**From:** Anna Hauswirth <[annahmdphd@gmail.com](mailto:annahmdphd@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** MBTA-CA

Dear Select Board,

I am a resident of Brookline near Griggs Park and I strongly support the board's Consensus Warrant Article as a way to comply with MBTA-CA. This plan will help support the town's housing shortage and make sure all people of different income levels will be able to take advantage of our wonderful town.

Thank you for your service for our community.

Best,  
Anna Hauswirth

**From:** Robert Miller <[BobTMM2@gmail.com](mailto:BobTMM2@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2023 12:31 PM  
**To:** David Pollak <[dpollak@abacusarchitects.com](mailto:dpollak@abacusarchitects.com)>  
**Subject:** MBTA Communities Act

Hi David:

I hope you are doing well and that we will have an opportunity to cross paths in person. I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow regarding the MBTA CA, so wanted to forward my thoughts by email.

I am strongly supporting the "Consensus Warrant Article". There are a very many reasons to support the consensus article. The need for housing, the addition of affordable housing, the benefits to our retail community (they are supporting the consensus warrant article) are just a few. Passing the Harvard Street proposal will allow Coolidge Corner, and the length of Harvard St., to grow and thrive throughout the 21st century. The reasons I and many others have chosen North Brookline as our homes is the density, diversity and energy that comes from the urban nature of Harvard Street.

Without thoughtful growth, we will be stuck in the past (or worse).

Thanks for your work on this,  
Bob

Robert (Bob) Miller  
Town Meeting Member, Precinct 2

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