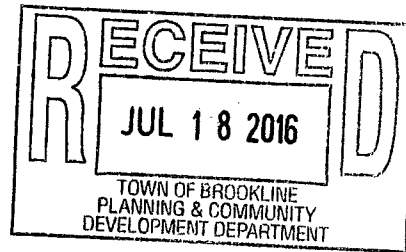


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To: Planning and Community Development Commission
Brookline, MA 02446

As a Fuller Street owner and long time resident of 58 years, I am writing in opposition to the proposed building at 420 Harvard Street. I understand this 40B project will include nine (9) affordable housing units in this proposed six (6) story 36 residential units plus commercial space and retail building. This building structure is severely out of proportion with this area. This building is in direct odds with the existing neighborhood and will severely impact the area. North Brookline has long been the densest region of the town. Adding such a structure with over 50 bedrooms only adds to that congestion.

There is no building on Harvard Street between Beacon Street and the Boston line higher than three (3) stories. 420 Harvard Street is not the place for a six (6) story structure. It is highly out of proportion for the neighborhood.

Another, and even greater, concern will be the excess influx of traffic into this area. The proposed building has thirty-six units, including many two and three bedroom units. Retail and businesses are also slated for the first floor. Yet the planning has only provided for 23 indoor and 6 outdoor parking. On Fuller Street between Winchester and Clarence Streets alone, there are 52 apartments and condos that presently have no parking facilities. These current owners and tenants are very hard pressed to find available rental spots, even several blocks from their homes. There are times when area residents had to walk over 1/4 mile for a rental spot. The fact that the proposed building will not even provide enough spaces for their tenants will severely impact the very few car rental spots in the neighborhood. I am confident this problem exists on all surrounding streets.

The JFK area is a major shopping area. It has over 12 restaurants or food establishments as well as many retail stores. The Butcherie attracts shoppers from all surrounding cities and even states. There is a large synagogue within a block. Harvard Street meters cannot handle the traffic demand for the shoppers and congregants. Try finding a meter near Kupels on a Sunday morning.

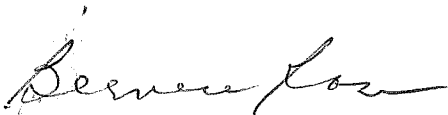
Fuller Street, as well as surrounding streets, is used as a primary spot for JFK merchants, Devotion School employees and local shoppers. I often cannot find parking near my own home less than a block in from Harvard Street, where I have lived for 58 years even with a town sticker. If I am lucky enough to find a spot on a surrounding street I am subject to being ticketed.

What happens on snow emergency days when no cars can be on the street? Where do delivery vans and rigs park? What will happen to the mechanical parking mechanism when the electricity fails? Check public records to see how many times power is lost in this area.

The proposed six (6) story building will greatly affect and alter the lives of the area's current residents in too many ways. Please do not ruin the residential feeling of this area. This six(6) building structure on Harvard Street does not fit!

Please, I beg you to consider us !!!

Respectfully,



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