

## Maria Morelli

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**From:** aepringle <aepringle26@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2016 9:08 PM  
**To:** Maria Morelli  
**Subject:** 420 Harvard Street

Dear Ms. Morelli,

We have lived at 21 Coolidge Street for 32 years. As is the case with many of our neighbors, we have raised our family here from grade school through high school. Some neighbors have lived here even longer, over 50 years in fact. This is a street of one and two family houses as are most of the surrounding streets. As our children grew up and some neighbors moved away new young families moved in, updated or renovated their houses but almost always preserved their character.

One of the factors that attracted me to the area at the time of our purchase, was that this was a quiet residential street but within steps of many useful small shops of all description, as well as restaurants, coffee shops, cinema etc. All are in walking distance, a big factor to me as a non-driver. The small scale of these useful businesses (mostly one-storied as far as the eye can see) makes them very accessible and makes me feel safe as a pedestrian.

**The huge scale of the proposed project and its usage as a large apartment building, changes the whole nature of the neighborhood from one to two family residences and small businesses. We are dreading the increase in traffic and many other negative impacts on the abutting and further-afield neighbors.** We are certainly not apposed to more housing, but housing that fits into the neighborhood. Why not build two residential two-family homes on this site and build apartment buildings where there are already others, or where there is more space. Or even a small scale apartment building like the ones on the other side of Harvard Street. We used to live in a six-apartment building on Stedman Street, some of those were even rent-controlled at the time. We supported rent control then, and are not opposed to 40B housing today either. As long as its scale fits into the neighborhood and does not just cater to runaway profits by developers.

We are begging the town to hear our concerns and weigh in on behalf of the neighborhood and not just the developers. We say this with some urgency as unfortunately 420 Harvard Street is only one of many planned developments that seem intent on destroying the neighborhood.

Yours sincerely

Annette Pringle  
21 Coolidge Street