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Subject: 420 Harvard Street

I am a Town Meeting Member from Precinct 8, close to the building site.

I welcome multifamily housing on the site. In general, Brookline needs much more multifamily housing than it has. Harvard Street is an excellent location for such housing because it has good public transportation and closeby schools and stores.

While I think that five stories would be better than the 6 stories planned (the five story apartment building on Pleasant Street at the St. Aidan's site looks great in the neighborhood), the effects of a relatively tall building could be mitigated by a setback after two-three stories.

It doesn't make sense to me to require parking in this proposed housing. Cars are not needed to live at this wonderful location, for the reasons stated: good public transportation, closeby schooling and stores. The space planned for car parking should be devoted to affordable housing units. Affordable housing is greatly needed, far more than parking spaces for private cars.

Thank you for your consideration,

Anita Johnson