

4 Wilson Street  
Natick MA, 01760

To: Whomever it May Concern

My family, I and neighbors have lived on Wilson street for decades. We have raised our children and are now enjoying our grandchildren in this lovely neighborhood. Rezoning of this area will have an adverse impact on our future generations. This article proposes immense buildings with storefronts and residential upstairs. We do not want to be surrounded by three-story, block-type buildings, built out to the curb. With all the added noise, traffic, parking, commercial deliveries, etc, the chances of upsetting the safety of our neighborhood is extremely high.

We have yet to see the full impact that these recurring, very large projects will have on our communities- we have bitten off alot and have yet to digest. The commercial spaces alone will create a lot of extra traffic, the noise will be multiplied immensely, and the safety of our territory will be put into much greater intensity- not to mention the impact that will be made on water, sewer, and the schools. These projects will take away from the character and charm that Natick possesses.

We, as a community have been devoted citizens to our neighborhood for decades. We do not appreciate developers coming in for a short period of time just to make a profit and move on. Our homes were built to last- unlike these quick condo projects. It is a shame, because when they take down any older house in that area, it is evident how strong they were built and the quality work that went into them. Once these historic structures which are our homes are taken down, they can never be replaced. There is nothing that can take their place.

As you approach our downtown area, you can clearly see these streets and homes, full of interrelated people who respect each other: A real community atmosphere. Once you destroy this, there is no going back. After this, it won't be long until developers try to search for the next area to exploit. These developers will not rest. They will start with the tip of the neighborhood, and keep slicing off more and more in order to make a profit for themselves. I wonder if these people would actually live in these areas that they are "developing"?

These companies have passed judgment on our neighborhood and its residents by labelling the land as "wasted space" and use their affluence to displace us after we have built, repaired and maintained our homes. This "empty space" gives our residents a

close place to enjoy the freedom to walk their dogs, play with their children/ grandchildren, etc. All of this is leading to the regentrification of our cherished locale.

Through COVID-19, we have learned that we need open areas, spaces to spread out, breathe and just live! These proposals will cause further congestion in the downtown area. We, as a community, have realized that our overcrowded living in cramped building conditions, with no back yards, have taught us that it causes isolation, aggravation, and leads to aggressive behaviors. These people do not even live in or know much about our neighborhood- they just look and envision the money that they can make. A variance would be more conducive to our enclave's success of showing what a real community has been and will continue to be.

PLEASE do not put our precinct through this: DO NOT let this pass. Allow a variance per project, in order for whatever structure goes into that space the ability to mesh with our community. Please give us the benefit of any doubt in this situation and side with the people who have been here for decades and have devoted their lives to this section of the town of Natick. There is no reason why they can not spread out some of this over-development into other neighborhoods. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,  
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