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To the members of Natick Select Board

I am writing to ask you to accept the MetroWest Collaborative Development proposal to build affordable housing units at [5 Auburn St](#). The residents of Natick have been clear in their support of increasing the number of affordable housing units in Natick and the town has made great progress toward this goal by changing zoning by-laws to include more affordable units in construction projects. Although this is a great step forward, it's not enough. The town currently meets the state requirement that 10% of its housing stock is "affordable" but many of the units counted toward this percentage are the result of 40B projects which count all units and not just those that meet the definition of affordability. To meet the state's 10% requirement, the town has relied on outside construction projects to provide affordable housing. Only 2 affordable housing units have actually been built by the town. A yes vote for the proposal from MetroWest Collaborative Development would indicate the town's commitment to its stated goal of providing more and much needed affordable housing.

I urge you to support the building of affordable housing in Natick by voting Yes for the MetroWest Collaborative Development proposal.

Thank you.

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