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Select Board Letter- Anastasia and Peter Zay

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To the Select Board,

Our names are Anastasia and Peter Zay. We have been Natick residents for the last 25 years and we live at [9 Reynolds Avenue](#).

We are facing an affordable housing crisis in Natick, MA and across the country. High housing costs in Massachusetts place significant financial pressure on the state's residents, and a lack of affordable housing can decrease the region's competitiveness. The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) projects "significant growth" in the low-income population in Metrowest by 2040, and warned that "if these economic and housing disparities persist along racial lines, health disparities are likely to persist as well". The time is now to intervene. The Natick Affordable Housing Trust has pledged over \$600,000 to a 100% affordable project on the Auburn Street school property and we would like the Select Board to support the Trust mission in creating more affordable housing in Town.

The Town has funded just one new affordable housing structure with 2 units in the last 40 years. It is time to change that tally.

Sincerely,

Anastasia and Peter Zay

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