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Fate of 5 Auburn Street

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Dani, I'm 23 and a lifelong resident of Natick, and I'm writing today to urge you to consider developing affordable housing at the former Eliot School at 5 Auburn Street.

I speak not only as a third generation Natickite, but also as someone who grew up and continues to reside in our towns Public Housing — we need affordable housing in our community. New people continue to move in to Natick, buying and renting the apartments and million-dollar cookie cutter homes that seem to forever multiply, and as prices rise, current residents are priced out of their own neighborhoods. It would be a dream to one day own my own home in Natick; I know, at least currently, there is a slim chance for that.

These are the two affordable options:

1. Metro West Collaborative Development
32 units (Not age-restricted)

2. Natick Affordable Housing Trust
23 units (Senior Housing)

I specially urge you to follow the MetroWest Collaborative Development route, as there are very few and far between places where low income residents like myself could even dream of being able to afford. People of all ages need affordable housing. I deserve to live in my hometown; people deserve to be able to stay in their communities.

Please make the right choice here and lead the way in creating more affordable housing in our town. Our community desperately needs it, and ignoring this issue will only force people to have to leave said community.

Thank you,

Dani Witherby

