

March 8, 2023

Dear Ms. Duncan,

I am currently out of town with spotty wifi at best. I plan to zoom into the ZBA meeting Thursday to show my support for the Walnut St Project but wanted to send you a quick email in case I am unable to connect. Please feel free to share with the board or read into the record if you see fit.

I am a 30 year homeowner on N. High St within 4/10 of a mile of this project and I am happy to voice my support after attending all the meetings and reading the provided information. I think that this project will benefit the residents of Foxboro in a number of ways, with very few negative impacts. The project will provide much needed affordable housing for our seniors with a local preference for Foxboro residents. It also provides a critical public safety solution to the intersection of Walnut and Rte. 140. The Developer will pay property taxes and an annual lease payment will be made to FHA which they can in turn use to maintain and improve their other properties.

There are of course drawbacks, traffic may increase to our area although not as significantly as it would should a non senior housing community be built.

There will be a loss of open space but not as much as there would be should the state sell the property to be developed into a strip mall or other commercial use. The buffers for the project are large and there are green spaces built in as part of the campus.

I would also like to show support of the chosen developer. They have a track record of building and maintaining high end properties which they keep in house as opposed to selling.

I feel the benefit to the community and public interest outweighs the concerns of me as a neighbor.

Thank you,

Heather Harding