

I'm writing to support the 1021-1025 Mass Ave project and the expansion of denser housing options in general.

Housing must be the overriding issue for Massachusetts and Arlington. Dense housing on a major transit corridor will reduce car dependence and overall energy usage, which are major and direct contributors to climate change, income inequality, and poor health (pollution, sedentary transportation/lifestyle).

Framed thusly, trading 3 laughably unaffordable retail or residential units for 50 homes + retail seems like a complete no-brainer yes to me.

A couple of buildings up the street, there are retail spaces with zero setbacks already. Retaining ~12ft seems reasonable. To be blunt, it's 12ft more than Andrina's has.

Mass Ave is THE major corridor in Arlington. If we're going to have larger buildings, it's going to be there and we already do: Mass Ave is home to a number of tall apartment buildings. There is no precedent being set here.

The existing homes look historically unremarkable, energy inefficient, and are totally unaffordable regardless. There can only be a gain of affordable housing and general housing enabling a climate friendly lifestyle from this proposal.

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