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Dear Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my support for the project proposed for 1021-1025 Mass Ave. Arlington sorely needs more housing and a greater variety of housing types for people at all income levels. Adding 50 units, 13 of which are affordable (by 40B criteria), is a terrific opportunity to address some of that need. In addition to the number of homes, this project is attractive and in the right place, taking good advantage of public transportation, bike facilities and local business amenities.

Observations about design details:

- Street trees to shade the sidewalk on Mass Ave should be planted.
- The large number of bike parking spots is great to see, but it's important that the vast majority of them do not require lifting bikes to use. Cargo bikes and electric assist bikes are rapidly growing in popularity, but are heavier and frequently longer than traditional bikes.
- Keeping mature trees in the back would have a greater impact to carbon sequestration than replacing with smaller native trees.

I strongly support this project – it provides greatly needed housing and, by all appearances, is thoughtfully designed. I offer the above observations in the hopes of improving an already strong proposal.

Regards,

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