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November 11, 2023

The Honorable Mayor Fuller & Newton City Council
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Mayor Fuller and Members of the Newton City Council,

I am writing to inform you of my decision to withdraw my name from adding Auburndale into the Village Center Overlay District as part of the VCOD Vote Letter to Newton City Council sent on November 14th, 2023. After a careful review of the matter and speaking with my constituents, I feel it's best to remain neutral in my position on the matter, and believe this endeavor is one that will be best handled by the Mayor and City Council.

I have been informed that there has been significant progress made on the differing positions of both City Council members and citizens of Newton through much communication from all parties concerned, giving me confidence that you will continue to make the best decisions for Newton moving forward, as you always have done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John J. Lawn".

State Representative John J. Lawn, Jr.
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