

Dear Mayor Fuller,

The community of Nonantum is eager to have a resolution to the sudden and ill-timed removal of the Italian colors along Adam Street.

The Newton City Council seeks a compromise in how the Italian colors could be included along the street; several ideas have been proposed. One example is replacing the double yellow lines intermittently with the Italian colors down the middle of the street. We urge a meeting as soon as possible between the two parties that results in a mutually agreeable solution. This requires both parties to compromise.

We understand that safety is the highest priority, but we are certain that changes to the center lines can be made without adverse impacts to safety. We have a time sensitive opportunity to bring the community together in celebration of "Festa", a long-standing community event enjoyed by Italians and non-Italians alike. In a time of near constant change the celebration of the July 16th Feast of the Saint Mary's of Carmen Society is a 90-year-old tradition that fosters belonging, forges strong community bonds and is part of what makes the City of Newton a great place to live.

All 24 members of the Newton City Council have signed onto this letter. The Ward 1 Councilors are ready to facilitate a mutually agreeable solution. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

The Newton City Council