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Hello to All,

After reading about the postponement on a decision for Tuft's new dorm on Boston Ave. I was a little bit taken back. I attended one of the meetings at Breed Hall and the project looked and sounded like a slam dunk. Personally, I was against the new dorm and showed up to ask about plans for rodent remediation and parking.

Now that it looks like it may not happen I'm seeing a lot of good that could come out of a project like this. Number one might be getting 677 juniors and seniors onto campus so that some much needed housing in the area is freed up.

Local residents are rightly concerned about things like noise, lighting, shadows, and more pedestrian traffic in an already busy area. These are all things that could work out if all parties came together and agreed on some changes and compromises.

Maybe Tufts is willing to have heat pumps installed on those houses that feel the shadows will raise their heating bills. Also stepping up the rodent fight would be a big positive.

If the powers to be in Medford, Somerville, and Tufts set up a committee with local residents it could become a good thing for all involved. Issues like a fair PILOT program and a Master Plan could become a reality, finally.

Sincerely,

Jim Bossi

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