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From: Mike Epstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 11:10 AM
To: Public Comments; judyforward7@gmail.com; Mayor
Subject: Re: 166 Boston Ave Used car dealership-- NO!

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To the City Clerk, Councilor Neufeld, and to the office of Mayor Ballantine,

I'm writing in response to a letter from the city about the proposed Used Car Dealership at 166 Boston Ave.

I'm feeling a lot of frustration with this letter and with the lack of responsiveness so far-- I'm reusing this email chain so that you can all see that this is our third time reaching out with no response. We also received this letter AFTER the Public Hearing date had already passed-- taken together, this makes us feel like we're not being heard *on purpose* by our representatives. If that's the case, I'd welcome the opportunity to vote someone else into office who will listen to constituents.

I'd like to reaffirm our opposition to this project, and I'll quote from my original email on the subject, lightly edited, from 6/15/23:

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We could not oppose this more strongly! We are also totally disturbed by and opposed to the large tank proposed there which will store flammables (!?)

This is a neighborhood. It's bad enough that we live on one of the most dangerous intersections in the city, which is nonetheless incredibly well foot-trafficked, and that we have to cross to it with our 16 22 month old son multiple times a day; and worry that someday he'll be hurt there, or on 16 itself which is a residential road disguised as a highway (or vice versa)---

But a used car dealer/lot is absolutely a move in the wrong direction-- it will make the intersection more dangerous, and it's *also* such a missed opportunity to have something actually community and neighborhood oriented move onto the corner. And a tank full of flammables???

As I said, this is a neighborhood, one that we love. But we already deal with the indignity of the 24-hour-glowing UHaul and all the speeding traffic, and the intersection-- we need our safety and peace of mind to move in the right direction, not the wrong one; we want to be a part of making things better, and we can't support something that will make Boston and MVP worse.

PLEASE help us in our opposition to this project.

Thank you!

Mike Epstein, Beth Pisarik (and our son, Will)

On Mon, Jul 3, 2023 at 3:23 PM Mike Epstein [REDACTED] wrote:

We were hoping to hear back about this-- please let us know the status of this project and what we can do to stop it in its tracks!

Mike+Beth

██████████, Somerville

On Thu, Jun 15, 2023 at 8:18 PM Mike Epstein [REDACTED] wrote:

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