



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

December 17, 2024

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AGENDA ITEM

24-513 - Resolution to Request Changes to Proposed Tufts Dormitory Project

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, Tufts University has proposed a new dormitory project at 401 Boston Avenue; and,

Whereas, the City Council strongly supports legislative efforts to pass fairer state laws to encourage collaboration and partnership between large non-profit institutions like Tufts and municipalities like Medford; and,

Whereas, the City Council also strongly supports the goal and intent of providing significant additional on-campus housing by Tufts; and,

Whereas, the City Council thanks area residents for voicing their concerns and attempting to have more robust and collaborative public input on the Tufts dormitory proposal; and,

Whereas, the City Council does not have a decision-making role regarding this project; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we request that Tufts University use an alternative site plan or add another site to the project to reduce height and impact of shadows on the surrounding neighborhood, while also increasing the tree canopy and adding additional streetscape improvements to their project.

Be it Further Resolved that we request that Tufts University drop opposition to and/or state their support for state legislation to implement the Institutional Master Plan Home Rule Petitions proposed for nearly a decade by the cities of Medford and Somerville and state legislation to create a mandatory PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) law for large educational and medical non-profit institutions.

Be it Further Resolved that we thank the Community Development Board and our city staff team for their work as this proposal moves through the public process.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None