

Patty Nolan 184 Heron Ave.

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~~I am here to support the board~~
I want to speak on the question of the King/Putnam Avenue Upper Schools building renovation. The school construction projects are incredible opportunities for us to demonstrate our commitment to educationally sound buildings which also reduce operating emissions and are built responsibly. *It is very exciting + I'm glad it's moving forward*

~~I am thrilled that we are continuing the practice of including environmental leadership and sustainable practices in the decision making!~~ *It was nice that the report comparing carbon was done. And while it appears that a net zero building might not be possible, it is exciting that we are considering ^{it} a net zero building for Putnam Avenue — an idea I have consistently advocated for a decade. I am glad that the work of all of us interested in environmental stewardship has had an impact in this way.*

With \$80 million at stake, best practice is to ensure a thorough review of the recommendation by a third party. I endorse that practice. However, it is critical for all of us to understand that such a review should not delay or stall the project. A review doesn't have to and shouldn't delay the project. /

A number of issues have been raised – architectural history, environmental short term and long term costs, financial cost estimates. In the medical world, second opinions are good practice. The same is true in public building projects.

I will say that as a parent in that building for many years (my children went to Amigos) I ~~certainly~~ understand the aesthetic and building condition concerns. ~~I still remember~~ *the water* the buckets in many hallways to catch water dripping - and the poor condition of much of the interior and exterior. I am fully aware of the shortcomings of the building. However, ~~it also has some wonderful aspects.~~ The question is what is best for this building project, from an educational, financial and environmental perspective.

~~While there have been a number of community meetings, those efforts should continue.~~ It is incumbent upon all of you to do all you

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A communication was received
from Patty Nolan, 184 Huron
Aveuen stated her support for the
loanauthorization for the King School.

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can to make a sound decision based on a through comprehensive review.

Please You can vote the proposal tonight, and ask for a few things: cost estimates for the options, an environmental review, and community group input. *before final vote*

The cost estimates for the options, which haven't been released, should be released as soon as practicable. The recommended option of a tear down is approximately the same cost as a re-design. To arrive at that conclusion, a schematic design and cost estimates had to have been done. Those should be released, so everyone can see them.

Secondly, *ask* there remain some questions about the environmental modeling. For example, the first option of updating the current building includes no solar (PV) arrays. ~~Yet~~ the building could have PV arrays. How much would that change the carbon curves? And, ground source heat exchange is being used in a number of buildings at Harvard – if that was the replacement system, how would the carbon curves change?

Third, make sure more have been continued outreach Have community groups like the Riverside Association weighed in and had their concerns addressed? Now is the time to continue with more outreach. Overcommunicating is almost impossible with this type of project.

I remain excited about the upcoming renovation – whether it is a complete rebuild or renovation of existing – ~~and~~ I hope that you will get more information before the final vote so that the remaining questions can be answered and more of the community will understand and back the decision. Good luck.