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To: / Jeff Conti
Cc: Michael Widmer, Jay Szklut
Date: April 15, 2010
Subject: Amendment Received, Article 27

Attached, please find an amendment to Article 27 for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting to be held April 26 & 28, that was received at the Town Clerk's office today.

Sincerely

Ellen O'Brien Cushman
Town Clerk

84 Lexington Street
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April 12, 2010

To the Moderator of the Belmont Town Meeting
c/o Clerk of the Town of Belmont
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Mr. Moderator,

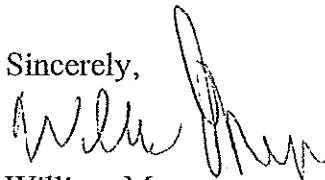
Greetings. I wish to move the following amendment to Article 27:

To remove the word “smaller” from the 8th bullet point of Article 27 as it appears in the Warrant. Or, if the “Proposed Amended Language to Article 27” shall be adopted, to remove the word “smaller” from the 3rd bullet point of the “Proposed Amended Language.”

In either case, the phrase now reading “offer smaller housing options with easy access to goods, services, and transit;” would be altered by removing the word “smaller.”

Explanation: I fully support the vision of offering housing options with easy walking access to goods, services, and transit. However, I believe that the Town Meeting should support housing options of **all** sizes — not just smaller sizes — with easy access. More importantly, I believe it is not for the Town Meeting to favor one size of housing over another. Individuals and families come in a variety of sizes which need a variety of housing. Surely our Land Use Vision for the Future should welcome individuals and families of all sizes and should support all housing sizes, subject to our zoning laws.

Sincerely,



William Messenger
Town Meeting Member
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84 Lexington Street