



**LexHAB supports Article #34, the original motion created by Lexington's professional Planning Staff and Lexington's Planning Board.**

**Our town and our state are in the midst of an extreme housing crisis.** Our community desperately needs more housing. **Our community desperately needs more multifamily housing.**

Lexington's current housing development model is not working for low, moderate, or even many higher income households with a \$1.6 million median price for a single-family home.

- It is not working for the environment with enormous single-family houses constructed in car-dependent neighborhoods.
- It is not working for education when children cannot access better schools because their families cannot afford housing in well-funded school districts.
- It is not working for economic development when employees cannot afford to live near their workplaces.

**Housing is a key determinant of educational, health and economic outcomes.** Housing intersects with vital health, social, racial, educational, and environmental issues.

LexHAB sees an acute need for more affordable housing every day as we add more applications to our waitlist. **Multifamily housing creates more housing and makes housing more affordable.**

For decades Lexington has symbolized the idyllic suburban dream. This dream, however, comes at a great cost, financially, environmentally, and morally. It is time for a different kind of suburb and a different kind of dream. A community with diverse housing types promotes racial diversity and income diversity. **Multifamily housing, especially housing located near commercial nodes and transportation, is a key part of this new suburban dream and even more idyllic.**

**Please join LexHAB in supporting Article 34 as originally drafted.**

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