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To: City Manager

Cc: Riley, Kate; Peterson, Lisa; Siddiqui, Sumbul
Subject: Feedback after 1/16/20 Tobin project meeting

Dear City Manager DePasquale, Mayor Siddiqui, et al.,

I attended the meeting Thursday night about the Tobin project and have a couple of thoughts. I was glad I stayed until the end, because Mr. Simha's story about what MIT did many years ago strengthened my appreciation of the idea of pushing for the city to acquire the armory site. I agree that if we are going to go for such a big, complicated project, we need more space, and the armory acreage would really help.

Here are my two requests, in priority order.

- Please work hard with the state to try to acquire the armory site and fold that space into the project.
- If we can't do that, please consider housing the non-Montessori preschool in another site and reducing the size of the project. Many members of our community clearly value preserving the open space/fields and I was impressed with their passion.

Thank you,

Lucy Patton

(Parent of two K-8 Tobin graduates)