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**To: Cambridge City Councillors**  
**Re: City Council Agenda 9/21/15:**  
**1- Policy Order #15 -- climate change;**  
**2- Incentive Zoning Linkage Fee**

Dear City Councillors,

1- I urge you all to vote in favor of Policy Order 15 - sponsored by Dennis Carlone:

The Compact of Mayors is a global coalition of mayors and city officials committing to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions, enhance resilience to climate change and track their progress publicly .....

"That the City Council and Mayor of Cambridge commit to the Compact of Mayors agreement so that we may further a collective effort to fight the effects of climate change in our city and around the world."

As we all know climate change needs to be addressed in every way possible. The Compact of Mayors can help throughout the nation at the local level to reduce emissions. This will help the states to reach goals, the US to cut emissions and to work internationally to make a just, swift transition off of fossil fuels to renewable energy.

and

2- I urge you to re-consider the linkage fee - and give full attention to the analysis from MIT says that [the linkage fee would need to be set to \\$24.30/sq. ft.](#) (please read the link) to compensate for the upward pressure on the Cambridge housing market that is caused by high-end commercial development.

In order to keep a balance in Cambridge between luxury and affordable housing, the City Council needs to do much more to make it economically possible to build affordable housing. The linkage fee at \$24.30/sq.ft is one way to accomplish this.

As a resident of Cambridge for the past 31 years, homeowner, retired teacher, and mother of my son - a Cambridge Public School student for 11 years, I love Cambridge, and I believe there is still hope for our community to continue to be the beautiful diverse and forward thinking city it is recognized to be. We cannot be the best Cambridge we want to be without housing justice.

Thank you very much for reading this communication and giving it your attention.

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