

Concerning the Normandy Properties proposal to build a tower building in Central Square

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i have been a cambridge resident for 26 years. my daughter and her family live in central square, as do several close friends. i visit the square regularly to shop, eat, and attend the theater. the atmosphere is small scale, intimate, friendly, a tradition i remember true of the square at least since i moved into the area in 1965.

how will the huge building proposed by normandy properties affect the ambiance and attraction of the square? i suspect the effect will damage the square's appeal. there are alternatives, the one by dennis carlone for instance which i fully support.

i ask you to consider very carefully the long range effects of allowing such a tall building when more sensible and human scale alternatives exist.

—Skip Schiel

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*...The two, suffering and hope,
live from each other. Suffering without hope
produces resentment and despair.
Hope without suffering
creates illusions, naivete and drunkenness...*

—from "What Is Hope?" by Rubem Alves

(Thanks yet again to that irrepressible Poems People Person, Wendy Geiger)