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From: Alec [apapazian@gmail.com]
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To: City Council; Lopez, Donna
Subject: Upzoning support

To the Cambridge City Council,

I am writing as a citizen of Cambridge to express my support for the continued effort to upzone parts of Central and Kendall Squares for commercial and residential development. While my support is not unconditional I believe that additional density and development benefit everyone when done responsibly. Being able to develop parcels of land such as that proposed by Forest City on 300 Mass. Ave for commercial and residential needs will only make our community stronger. I encourage you to reject the fear mongering tactics of the Cambridge Residents Alliance. They have decided that scaring people using dishonest and hysterical language is the best way for their reactionary NIMBY-ism to succeed. Cities are not frozen in time and preventing density and development will not accomplish what they think they are trying to accomplish. I assert that they are a minority of Cambridge residents. The majority want more jobs and more housing for everyone not just those that have lived here for decades and are afraid of change. Please say yes to more jobs and future residents. Do not let the vocal minority that tries to create hysteria to stop progress. Increased density and upzoning will ensure that Cambridge adapts to meet the needs of the future both for the businesses that are so important but the residents as well. Without additional development Central and Kendall Squares will never fully achieve their potential as dynamic neighborhoods within the unique urban fabric that is Cambridge.

Thank you,

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