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Subject: please don't grant Forest City's petition

Dear City Councilors,

I've just read an email from the Cambridge Residents Alliance, and I find the case they make, for NOT approving Forest City's petition to upzone 300 Mass Ave pretty compelling.

There's been no traffic study. There's an ongoing discussion of directions for Central Square/Kendall, but no clear consensus that includes residents.

With a much taller biotech lab at 300 Mass Ave, the high rise development of that end of Mass Ave will be a *fait accompli*, something that's done without the discussion it needs.

I will add a reminder that the whole area from the Charles to Sidney Street is landfill. With sea levels rising, do we really want denser development there?

In the event of more storm damage, this means more people to be move, more lab supplies released into our atmosphere, more heavy building materials to collapse.

Let's use our development savvy to create development that's truly resilient, not just give in a plan that's blind to climate change realities.

And why the rush? So what if Forest City has to wait a year, bring back a plan that includes housing and green space for the community? Let's make further building on that stretch of Mass Ave part of a concerted effort we can all get behind, not something foisted on the community against its will.

Thank you for reading.

yours sincerely,

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