



# CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

David P. Maher  
City Councillor

February 27, 2013

Donna Lopez  
Interim City Clerk  
City Hall  
Cambridge, MA 02139

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Donna:

Please include the attached as part of the record for the upcoming meeting on Monday, March 4, 2013 under the heading of Communications and Reports for City Officers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David P. Maher  
City Councillor

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The Honorable, the City Council,

Attached please find a copy of the letter I sent to Attorney Kathryn Brown of Forest City Boston. I have asked Ms. Brown, to send me clarifying language contained in the "Letter of Commitment". I am doing this to resolve any ambiguity regarding the issue that was discussed Monday night regarding "Investment and Sponsorship" of the Affordable Housing Units.

I will file the clarifying language with the Ms. Lopez, City Clerk and Ms. Glowa, City Solicitor, as soon as I receive it from Ms. Brown and Mr. Calkins.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David P. Maher".

David P. Maher  
Chair, Ordinance Committee

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Ms. Kathryn Brown  
Vice President, Legal Affairs  
Forest City Commercial Group  
38 Sidney Street, Suite 180  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing in reference to the Letter of Commitment dated February 25, 2013 that was executed by Peter Calkins on behalf of Forest City Commercial Group, Inc. and delivered to the City Council on Monday February 25, 2013, prior to the vote on the Forest City Zoning Petition.

Section III B. (v) of the Letter states that the 25 units of Affordable Housing that Forest City has committed to create can be provided through "Investment in and sponsorship of a project that will cause the production of 25 Affordable Units...".

While the amount of any such investment or sponsorship is not identified in the Letter, it is clear from the language of that paragraph that the investment will "cause the production of 25 Affordable Units." It would be the understanding of the City Council that in order for an investment by Forest City to cause the "production" of 25 Affordable Units, that investment would have to, at a minimum, equal the Alternative Payment described in paragraph E of Section III.

I would request that you confirm in writing that Forest City is in agreement with the City Council's understanding of this provision so that I may include such correspondence in the files of the Ordinance Committee and other relevant City departments.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

David P. Maher  
Chair, Ordinance Committee

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cc: Mr. Peter Calkins  
Cambridge City Council