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Lopez, Donna

From: Joseph Aiello [joseph.aiello@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 9:06 AM
To: City Council; Lopez, Donna
Subject: MIT Zoning Petition

To the City Clerk and Council,

My name is Joseph Aiello and I live at 207 Charles St in East Cambridge. I am briefly writing you today in hopes that you will show your support for our neighborhood and move the MIT zoning petition to a second reading during tonight's council meeting.

This petition is directly in line with the K2C2 study that many of us in the neighborhood worked tirelessly on to create a "master plan" for Kendall Square. MIT has taken many ideas from that work and expanded some of the most important aspects.

Kendall Square is on the brink of becoming something that could be a model for other cities around the country and yet the opposition would like you to believe that everything is fine just the way it is and to stop building. This petition will help bring about more retail, innovation space for the next best & brightest, more residential opportunities, and open space that will bring about vibrant walking areas for the public.

It will bring more life to the Broad Canal, which has already seen a revitalization thanks to the kayak rental area during the summer. It will help bring a much needed grocery store and pharmacy to the area. It will also allow MIT to create a community fund of nearly \$10 million, not to mention the tax revenue benefits for the City of Cambridge.

I do not want to live in a desolate Kendall Square filled with empty parking lots just so someone from North Cambridge can prove a point about development.

Those "not in my backyard" groups that have been speaking out against this petition in the last few weeks have a great lesson to learn here - this IS my backyard and I want this petition passed.

I thank you for your time and hope for your support,

Joseph Aiello
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