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To Cambridge City Councillors:

I have come a little late to this issue, but from what I have read there is a real concern about approving MIT's Kendall Square Proposal without any definite plans to build housing for the large number of graduate students in their programs. I understand that they want to build towers, one of which would contain market-rate housing with only 13% being affordable. Also, per Fred Salvucci, who has presented to all of you last month, MIT is doing a housing study that will be available in July. If a vote which is planned for your Monday meeting can be delayed til after this report is made public, it might shed more light on the situation.

Please note I am not an active member of either Cambridge Residents Alliance or A Better Cambridge. However, I did feel I should comment on this particular issue due to the vote tomorrow. If any of you have information that provides some assurances that MIT does recognize they have a problem regarding their lack of housing, please let me know.

Thank you.

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