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Subject: Connolly Petition for "Net Zero Zoning"

For the Official Record:

To The City Council:

I fully support the Connolly Petition requiring Net Zero Zoning for all new buildings in Cambridge.

Since the City and the City Councillors seem determined, regardless of the lack of environmental impact studies, traffic studies, transportation studies, noise studies, and air quality studies, to approve the erection of extremely tall and out-of-scale buildings in Central Square and Kendall Square, the same Councillors should take what are the sensible and intelligent steps required prior to embarking on such a radical change to the cityscape and conduct some studies. Any other city embarking on the same urban expansion would conduct the required studies to determine the feasibility and advisability of such radically huge real estate development.

For some reason, or lack of reasoning, the City Council, the City Manager and the CDD have not considered the initiation of any studies on any aspect of the potential impact of approving 12, 14, 16 and 30 story buildings in this section of Cambridge.

Since the City Manager and many other city employees do not live in this part of Cambridge or, indeed, do NOT live in Cambridge, the impact of these tall buildings on our quality of life does not seem to concern them. HOWEVER, we will be sure to remember this assault on our quality of life at the polls.

I fully support this petition.

Respectfully,
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