

## Lopez, Donna

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**From:** Nancy Ryan [nancyryan4@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 04, 2013 4:15 PM  
**To:** City Council; Lopez, Donna  
**Subject:** The Cherry Street Lot

Dear Mayor Davis, City Council Members and City Clerk Lopez – It was quite a shock to read Councilor Reeves’ order that the City use the Cherry Street land as a parking lot for teachers at the Fletcher Maynard Academy, especially with no consultation with the Area 4 neighborhood. For years, probably a couple of decades, residents of Area 4 have been asking MIT to give the vacant, weed-filled Cherry Street lot to the City for affordable housing. MIT finally decided to use the land as part of their bargain to achieve a massive up-zoning for commercial buildings on MIT’s campus. While many of us opposed that deal, we were at least relieved that the Cherry Street lot was finally going to be transformed from a neighborhood eyesore into some much-needed housing. At the very least, there must be a process involving the neighborhood about how to move forward for the transformation of that lot. We respect the needs of the Fletcher Maynard teachers and assume parking arrangements have already been made for them. We cannot have sacrificed so much time over the years and during the MITIMCo up-zoning process to end up with a parking lot. I urge you to reject this order. Nancy Ryan

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