

Lopez, Donna

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From: Charlotte Allen Seid [cseid@MIT.EDU]
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 9:28 AM
To: City Council; Lopez, Donna
Subject: Reconsider use of Cherry St. lot

Dear Councillors,

I would like you to oppose the council order (below) regarding the Cherry St. lot recently acquired from MIT.

As an Area 4 resident and MIT doctoral student who is acutely aware of the tight housing market and the increasing value of real estate in Cambridge, I believe that the whole community should be invited to participate in deciding the use of the Cherry St. lot. In particular, I believe the Cherry St. lot would best serve the community as affordable housing. The Area 4 residents whose housing and quality of life will be affected by MITIMCo's up-zoning in Kendall Square should be involved in deciding the use of the land that the City acquired as part of those up-zoning negotiations.

Please include residents in the decision-making process and reconsider the proposed use of this important property.

Sincerely,

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http://www2.cambridgema.gov/cityClerk/PolicyOrder.cfm?item_id=40601

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS:

The teachers and staff at the Fletcher Maynard Academy have difficulty parking their cars where many of them are not Cambridge residents, but much needed and loved by the students and parents of the Fletcher Maynard Academy; now therefore be it

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to form a committee of City officials and Fletcher Maynard teachers and staff to explore the possibility of using the newly acquired City lot at the corner of School and Cherry Streets.