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**From:** Nina Berg [nina.e.berg@gmail.com]  
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**To:** Lopez, Donna  
**Subject:** Writing in Favor of Saving the Foundry Building

Hi Donna,

I won't be able to make the City Council meeting / public comment tonight and wanted to write in favor of the Foundry Building being saved, revitalized, and used for arts, culture, and community purposes. I'm aware of the two orders on the table, and believe each touches on important points.

What I'm most concerned with regarding the Foundry is that it respond to community needs, as defined by the community. Such a huge space holds infinite possibilities. I hope when planning does begin for how to use the space, we think critically about who we are serving and what we really need. Off the top of my head that includes but is not limited to: space (perhaps subsidized?) for local businesses, studio and gallery space for artists, community rooms for potlucks, gatherings, and celebrations, opportunities for young and old to explore and share their creative pursuits...

It seems we have a unique opportunity to define a space that could represent the best of Cambridge - let's do it!

Looking forward to following along with proceedings.

Thanks for your time,  
Nina