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Lopez, Donna

From: Kat Conway [katharine.r.conway@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 5:12 PM
To: Lopez, Donna
Subject: Foundry Building Support

Dear Donna Lopez,

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the City Council meeting tonight regarding the Foundry Building, but wanted to make sure I passed along my support in favor of it being saved and revitalized in the name of arts, culture, and community space.

There has been a slew of new development in the East Cambridge/ Kendall Sq area, which has been very beneficial to businesses and technology, but has left a large gap for open/creative/accessible/fresh space for those who live there, especially those who have called that area home for a long time.

The greater Kendall Square is in danger of becoming just a corporate headquarters with creative space ONLY available to those who are fully employed by the companies in that region. What we need is more character and a greater flow of community arts and ideas -- which is invaluable to a community.

AFFORDABLE workshops, lecture space, music rooms, studio or gallery areas, etc. would all be great things to see there and I'm sure would be fully embraced by the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Katharine Conway,
Life-long Cambridge Resident