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From: Carolyn A Fuller [fuller@MIT.EDU]
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 6:06 PM
To: Lopez, Donna
Cc: City Council
Subject: In support of more housing in Cambridge

Dear City Council,

I am writing as a long time resident and home owner of Central Square in response to policy order resolutions # 14 & 15.

It is no secret to anyone who lives in (or ever wanted to live in) our fair city that we need more housing. I know that I don't need to tell you that our rental vacancy rate is less than one percent.

Governor Patrick has called for 10,000 new multifamily housing units a year to be built in Massachusetts in order to create a more sustainable and greener world whose occupants are less dependent upon the car. His vision: Compact Neighborhoods where we live, work, play and shop all within walking distance of each other.

The City Council should do all in your power to support the development of more housing now. Negotiate with the developers to get as much diversity in that housing as possible but don't stop or slow down the housing development. Don't throw out the work done by the participants in the Kendall Square Central Square Planning Study (K2C2). Don't start all over.

I am not going to deny that talk of what is being proposed in my own back yard (literally back yard) scares the heck out of me. The first time I heard of K2C2 was the first time I saw a drawing with a huge block shaped building in my back yard. But if I can look beyond my own back yard interests (and shock) to see that the K2C2 goals are the right goals for Cambridge and that Cambridge needs to move forward with housing development, surely you City Councilors can support that K2C2 vision. Cambridge wants that greener, more sustainable, car free Compact Neighborhood now.

Sincerely,

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