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**Subject:** Vote Yes on Policy Order #14

Dear Councillors and Mayor Maher:

I urge you to vote for Cambridge residents and pass Policy Order #14. So many voters are concerned about their quality of life in the face of development.

It seems to me that quality of life concerns of all Cambridge residents are at the root of the need for a citywide, fact-based Master Plan that looks at transportation, traffic, gridlock, parking, sea level rise, and many more related issues. I believe that all Cambridge residents of all walks of life want to work together to assure our continued quality of life.

While I recognize that some housing and commercial stock needs replacement or redesign and that new office, residential and commercial square footage could possibly contribute to the continued desirability of Cambridge as a great place to live and/or work, nonetheless, lacking scientific data, I am concerned that no one so far can tell me how life for Cambridge residents will change as a result.

Yet, in recent years, requests from developers for adding taller and larger buildings were being rubber stamped until Cambridge residents began asking how this increase in millions of sq. ft. would affect their quality of life in Cambridge or how this development could sustain the quality of life so desired by Cambridge voters.

I have searched the city website and was unable to find any scientific data or reports by experts regarding some citywide issues that might have an impact on my neighborhood, on my street, on my quality of life as millions more sq. ft. are added to commercial and residential stock. Nothing assuring me came up on the city's website.

We need a master plan now.

We cannot wait to engage in dragged out meetings (see P.O. #15) similar to some recent city-run meetings on development while, in the time these discussions are slowly grinding on, the city continues to approve requests from developers for buildings that could diminish the quality of life of all Cambridge residents.

To highlight the lack of necessary development guidelines, Cambridge does not have anything similar to Boston's Article 80 that requires all developers to design buildings that will function in a catastrophic storm and the 3-5 ft. sea level rise predicted to be the norm by 2050. We need that master plan now.

Respectfully,  
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