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Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2014 7:06 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Lopez, Donna
Subject: in support of Carlone Master Plan

Dear City Council

It's time for an updated Master Plan for the City of Cambridge and a moratorium on building until that happens.

We need a cohesive strategy for development that addresses environmental issues, flooding, parking, traffic, density, aesthetics, and neighbourhood communities. Right now we have haphazard, yet rampant, development, with insufficient attention to parking, pedestrian traffic, and bike routes, not to mention the crazy traffic from the Alewife T rotary through to Gerry's Landing Road. Even on weekend mornings, it's backed up. Bike paths go nowhere. The new buildings on New Street and behind Trader Joes are ugly and lack retail to create communities and outdoor activities. The buildings themselves are hideous.

We need to examine the current zoning - industrial lots that are being converted to residential buildings should be downzoned - height, setback, etc should be revisited.

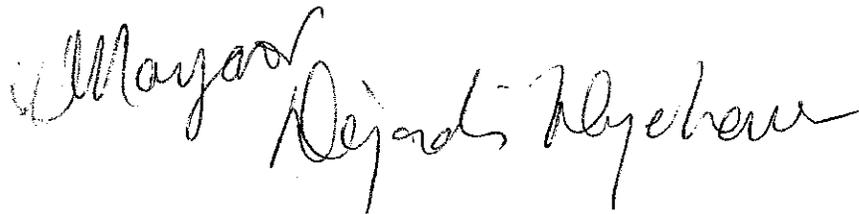
Let's not turn Alewife/Fresh Pond into the travesty that was the old West End in Boston (If you lived here you'd be home now), which has become emblematic for bad urban planning.

I'm not saying "no development", I'm just asking for "intelligent development" (also aesthetic development).

Please stop building until we have a master plan that addresses these issues. The status quo is not working, I think Dennis Carlone and his group will come up with a better way.

Many thanks,

Margaret Desjardins Weyerhaeuser (261 LakeView Ave Cambridge)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Desjardins Weyerhaeuser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.