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**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** Lopez, Donna  
**Subject:** Councillor Carlone's Master Plan

I write to urge the Cambridge City Council to refuse to adopt any changes to the zoning code via the proposed master plan submitted by Councillor Carlone or any other method that will reduce the amount of housing that can be built in Cambridge. We desperately need to increase the housing stock here and elsewhere in the region to stem the upward pressure on rents and purchase prices. The whole region has been derelict in this respect. I have experienced no adverse effects from the housing that has been added in recent years here in Cambridge.

I lived in this city from 1970-1991 and returned in 2010. I found a much better city than the one I had left. During the ensuing years, Cambridge added a great deal of housing and the economy prospered. Since my return, I have attended a number of K2C2 meetings and been delighted by the city's overall improvement in the public process. I have been impressed by the quality of the staff at the CDD, as well as other city departments. I shake my head in disbelief at the criticisms of those in the Cambridge Residents' Alliance who are alarmist and overwhelmingly prone to exaggeration. Our city departments are responsive and inclusive. We have the highest quality staff of any community in the USA. We should applaud our personnel

The City Council and the City Manager have been excellent stewards of our wonderful city. Please do not pass a Master Plan that will choke off growth and increase prices of housing further.

I would also recommend that you ask our elected State representatives to enact laws that encourage housing production. Many of our near neighbor communities have stifled growth for decades. There are opportunities along the commuter rail to build sustainable housing that will relieve some of the pressure on Cambridge. Our neighbors should become more responsible to the overall region.

Respectfully,

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