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From: Jennifer Craft [jencraft13@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2014 9:16 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Lopez, Donna
Subject: support of Carlone-Mazen-Simmons master plan initiative

Dear Council:

I am writing to express my strong support of the Carlone-Mazen-Simmons master plan initiative (Policy Order #14) in advance of Monday's meeting. I appreciate that both policy orders being discussed in the meeting represent some attempt to address the recent surge in development. However, I believe the Carlone-Mazen-Simmons plan goes further to ensure a more democratic process and a larger voice for current residents.

My family moved to Cambridge seven years ago because we saw Cambridge as a lively, diverse, and forward-thinking city. It saddens me to watch "developers run wild" in the Alewife area (near our current home along Fresh Pond) without a coherent plan in place. Is developer money the sole motivator for change in this area? It would appear to be the case. I plead with you to stand up for Cambridge residents. What will the addition of thousands of residents to the Alewife corridor do to current traffic congestion, pedestrian/bike safety, the surrounding wetlands, and the potential for beautiful open spaces? How are the schools equipped to accommodate this influx in population?

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns. Please stand up to developers and help me to know that Cambridge is planning for the future.

Sincerely,
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