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To: City Council
Cc: Lopez, Donna
Subject: Please support the Maher/Benzan/McGovern policy order

Dear Cambridge City Councilors

My husband Richard Klibaner and I strongly support the Maher/Benzan/McGovern policy order.

We have been in Central Sq. neighborhood for 29 years - both living and working in our own business. Our sons been in the Cambridge public schools. Our whole family has benefited from the remarkable community and resources around us. In particular - it has been a wonderful place to raise children both because of the resources (good schools, after-school programs, summer programs etc.) and because of the values of the community which have become the values of our sons. The motto of CRLS "Opportunity, Diversity, Respect" sums up what our children have learned from the whole Cambridge Community.

But we have also seen so many families have to leave this wonderful city because of the shortage and high cost of housing. When I talk to young friends, I tout the benefits of raising a family in Cambridge - only to hear them say they are either priced out of the city or simply can not find housing here.

We need to address this issue now and allow our city to grow, to retain its current families and to welcome new residents.

We hope that the recommendations of the Kendall Square Central Square Planning Study (K2C2) are heeded. This inclusive community process resulted in a clear recommendation - "the most important thing that can be done to preserve the diversity of the square is to increase the supply of housing."

Finally - one of the great benefits of living in Cambridge is that we are able to reduce our "carbon footprint" by being able to walk, bike and use public transportation for school, for activities, for shopping and for work. Density and housing is the key to achieving sustainability and must be a key factor in any planning process.

Thank you for your consideration.

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