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To: Cosgrove, Marybeth
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From: Jennifer Craft [<mailto:jencraft13@yahoo.com>]
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To: City Council; Lopez, Donna
Subject: support for Petition #5, The Carlone Petition

Dear council members:

I'm writing to express my enthusiastic support of Petition #5. Placing big decisions (e.g., the decision to build along the Alewife floodplain) in the hands of an unelected Planning Board feels short-sighted and not at all in step with a democratic process. Please take this necessary step to put power, at least where Section 19.20 Project Review Special Permits are concerned, into the City Council's hands. You are the individuals we elected and trusted with the city's future.

My family made the decision to make Cambridge our home seven years ago. We have such a passion for this city, its schools, its intellect, and its diverse culture. To see the city we chose fold time and time again to corporate interests in a booming real estate market saddens us. When the state of our environment and associated quality of life (Alewife wetlands and forest, air pollution due to gridlocked traffic, etc.) are at stake, we expect our City Council take more aggressive action. Please have the courage to stand up for families, not corporate interests.

Many thanks for reading.

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