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Dear Council Members,

I am opposed to Councilor Dennis Carlone's procedural change to the Zoning Ordinance that would give you, the City Council, the authority to grant special permits rather than the Planning Board. I truly believe that the Planning Board processes and decisions must be made comprehensively rather than piecemeal and with the input of Cambridge Citizens.

In my eyes, zoning in Cambridge appears, thus far, to benefit the developers and the City and not necessarily the communities in Cambridge. Based on the hodge podge "development" of East Cambridge, I do not believe that the Zoning Change and the Planning Board are comprehensive despite supposed nods to the community. This is clearly evident in the Sullivan Courthouse "discussions." urge.

As an example, the City Planning Board must revisit and review this property at 40 Thorndike Street - in a sensible manner with a master plan / strategy that nurtures the growth and development of my neighbourhood. Until now, I have seen little if no accountability, good governance or, stewardship. Permits and variance seem to be given to developers for the profit of the City government and developers - not the people who live in the City of Cambridge.

Thank you for your time.
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