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To: City Council
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Although we are unable to attend the City Council meeting tonight we urge you to vote for Dennis Carlone's petition that is before you tonight. Since the planning board is volunteer it is important that for special permits that the City Council has input into projects that fit into the Master Plan.

It is important that a token of affordable housing by developers not be pitted against residents who also are concerned about the environment, traffic gridlock, and health and vibrancy of the existing neighborhoods. We expect our city to work at making housing possible for low and middle income families with children, seniors, and all in between. At this point the building of luxury housing that is happening around Alewife is mostly catering to a very wealthy transient population . The tokenism of 'affordable' units by developers with special permits granted by the planning board should be immediately put on hold until the council can review them.

We applaud the efforts of Councilors McGovern and Simmons to address the future of Briston Arms as affordable housing. It is hard to feel good about our low tax rate if we don't consider as important maintaining the economic, multicultural , racial diversity of Cambridge.

Thank you for your hard work,

Kathy and John Roberts
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