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From: ginkgogirl@gmail.com on behalf of Rayna Jhaveri [jhaveri.rayna@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 5:12 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Lopez, Donna
Subject: Support for Carlone Petition

FOR PUBLIC RECORD

I, Rayna Jhaveri, resident of 64 Allston St. #2, Cambridge MA 02139 would like to state for public record that **I fully support the Carlone Petition.**

As a Cambridge community member and resident of a historic Cambridgeport neighborhood that is currently undergoing development under Special Permit PB-278 - for which our neighborhood organized, made our voice heard to the Planning Board, came to mutually agreed-upon concessions with the developers (in writing & email) that went towards better preserving the character of our historic neighborhood and expected these concessions to be reflected in the Special Permit - I would like to note that the Planning Board took no heed of these agreements and failed to include them in the final Special Permit. As a result, our many efforts have gone in vain, the developers have unilaterally gotten their wishes while the residents of my neighborhood have been left with a bad taste in their mouths for the democratic process.

We would like to see our elected representatives in the City Council reflect our voices, concerns and needs as Cambridge develops, with a long-term development plan that is better thought out and does not unilaterally favor the one-sided agenda of individual developers. The members of the Planning Board are appointed, not elected, and do not appear to hold the Cambridge residents' best interests in high priority.

I would like to see City Councilors make sure large development projects in Cambridge are thoroughly evaluated, proper permitting processes followed, and the voice of the Cambridge people be heard.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rayna Jhaveri

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