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Subject: The Carlone et al Petition, to begin to put Neighborhood into the Special Permit process

Please support the Carlone Petition, the authority of the moment to begin to put neighborhood into the Special Permit process.

There is an important vote Monday, to bring the Carlone Petition to a second reading. I think, as many other residents do, that the intense development environment and the desire of many people and families to live in cities with walking, biking and transit access, all require a higher review of our rote approval of variances. The City Council, our senior management group, must provide that superior review.

What might have been and still somewhat possible is this. In a City of such diversity and energy, with such significant institutions and organizations, with more than three significant urban centers, Kendal Square, Harvard Square, and Central Square (and many others), how with all this can we ignore the opportunity for another significant gathering place to add to the diversity of our urban environment: Alewife?

"In life, the first responder gets to lead for a while. We can't wait for best. There is a fire of development out there."