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Thank you Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councilors. I am here tonight to speak on the Normandy and Twining Zoning Petition.

There is consensus amongst our progressive political leaders from Governor Patrick to Dr. Don Berwick. The Metro Boston area needs 435,000 new homes by 2040. Both Governor Patrick and Dr. Berwick advocated for policies that would encourage Cambridge to invest in dense multi-family housing and transit oriented development. To quote Dr. Berwick, "Smart growth and zoning reform are essential to increasing our housing stock, but they are also important strategies to facilitate healthy lifestyles, create vibrant downtowns, fight sprawl, and preserve open spaces." He also went on to say that progressive leadership was needed to recommit to providing affordable opportunities for people of all income levels. I could not agree more.

So despite the fact that our home is in the shadow of the proposed new building, I want my city leaders to support the Normandy and Twining height request. I want you to negotiate for as many affordable & moderate income units as possible out of the deal while also getting some open green space that is available 24/7 to the general public. Even though, I would like more affordable & moderate income units, I don't want to sacrifice residential units to office spaces to make the greater mix of income units economically feasible.

Ultimately, I also would like the city to look at changing the zoning laws pertaining to parking to de-incentivize car ownership. I hope that one day our parking requirements will state maximum not minimum requirements.

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