

My name is Esther Hanig. I am a resident of Area Four who lives not far from the proposed Twining development site at 136 Pine St. I was also a member of the C2 Committee.

While I primarily came here tonight to learn more about the Twining proposal, I see much in the proposal to be positive about. I commend Twining for hearing the community and proposing much needed additional housing and retail over commercial, for including desperately needed additional affordable housing units, together with family sized units, and for including a public market space.

I support additional height and density where appropriate to be able to produce more housing, particularly affordable housing and to promote smart growth close to public transportation. In the current housing market in Cambridge, with the skyrocketing prices and reduced government funding, opportunities to increase desperately needed additional affordable housing are few and far between. We must seize all opportunities to help house all of our residents and work to maintain the diversity and vibrant community that make our city so special.

I look forward to hearing more about this project and to working with Twining, the city and my neighbors to foster the kind of development that our city needs.