

Good Evening Mayor Maher and members of the City council my name is Mark Roopenian and I am a principal with Normandy Real Estate Partners.

I am here speaking on the Mass and Main mixed income residential sub-district. Normandy real estate and Twining Properties purchased the former Quest properties in December of 2012. Since that time, we have spent considerable time and resources to respond to the interest in activating this edge of Central square with new housing and retail.

We heard clearly from the community that residential housing and new retail were highly preferable to office and lab uses. We also heard that affordable housing was a priority. This petition we have submitted represents a body of work that will help achieve these goals.

*we hope*

To be clear it would allow for about 230 units and creates new development rights on only one block for residential development only.

*thus far?*

On behalf of my partners, I want to thank all of the stakeholders that have shared their views with us and thank you all in advance for the time you will take to consider our petition.

We look forward to working with the community and members of the council and city staff as this petition is considered. We plan on being out in the community immediately to show our plans in detail and answer a variety of questions as part of the community process.

Normandy and Twining hold community process at the heart of our work and we know the community must be directly at the table throughout this process.

Thank you.