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Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 4:50 PM
To: Lopez, Donna; City Council
Subject: Reject the Normandy/Twining Up-zoning Petition for Central Square

Ms. Lopez: Please include this brief letter for the record and as a "Communication" for the Council and for Monday's meeting. Thanks. Sincerely, James M. Williamson 1000 Jackson Place, Cambridge, MA 02140

Dear Councillors:

The Normandy/Twining up-zoning petition should be rejected.

This petition is BAD FOR CENTRAL SQUARE, and BAD FOR CAMBRIDGE.

A 19-story building in this location on Mass. Ave. -- *with double the FAR* -- will be devastating for the future livability of our community, especially for Central Square. (And what about Lafayette Park, which is recently touted by so many as such a success?)

Why give away our future to developers who only want to make as much money as they can, and don't live in, or care about -- really -- , our community?

Some of you live in or near Central Square. Is this really what you want for yourself, your family, your kids and your neighbors?

Can we not do substantially better?

Is this really the only, or the best, way to get the affordable housing so many of us so desperately need??

Why is this happening? Here? And why now?

Would it not be prudent to wait to develop a master plan, as intended, *first*, before allowing deep-pocketed developers to jump the queue in this dramatic fashion as they are trying to do?

Please consider our future.

Your truly, James M. Williamson Jefferson Park, Cambridge, MA