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From: Sylvia Barnes <swbarnes5@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 3:31 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Lopez, Donna; Lee Farris
Subject: Re: Normandy Twinning

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- > Dear Mayor Maher, Vice-Mayor Benzan and City Councillors:
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- > I hope you will consider the impact that the Normandy Twinning will have in Central Square and oppose this zoning change. It would be great if the Council and the CDD department instead focus on assuring that a Citywide Master plan was developed long before three years so that Cambridge can be the best City for all its residents. Developers and investors do not live here so their quality of life is not being threatened by this type of development.
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- > When the construction of Rindge Towers was completed it was viewed as a mistake, please do not make that same mistake in Central Square by allowing the Construction of a Rindge Tower in Central Square. Rindge Towers serves a major purpose because at least is still 100% affordable compare to the ratio Normandy Twinning is offering for spot zoning.
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- > The City has stated that over 850 affordable housing units have been created since the Inclusionary zoning ordinance was passed but how many units have been built in that time period, over 8,000?
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- > If you really value affordable housing as you have stated please increase the linkage fees and the ratio of inclusionary zoning of all new buildings,
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- > Thank you in advance.
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