

FW: Policy Order - O-29

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FOR INCLUSION IN OFFICIAL RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Dear City of Cambridge Councillors:

The Volpe Transportation building site seems to be the next big project under consideration by the Federal Government, the City of Cambridge, and us, residents and homeowners in East Cambridge. The recent memo from the Community Development Department (CDD) suggests a re-zoning of this 14 acre parcel with a considerable reduction in the size of a public park.

Please consider very carefully Policy Order O-29 sponsored by Councillor Carlone in which he requests the *"...City Manager work with all relevant City Staff to revise the proposed zoning for the Volpe site to include an option for a 7.5 acre public park as originally planned..."*

Downsizing an already approved public park, or worse, chopping up the acreage into smaller parcels of 'park' is not in keeping with good urban planning nor sensitivity to the Kendall Square development plan. My concern is that East Cambridge residents and homeowners will be on the losing end of an open, public space to enjoy while walking into the Kendall Square area. With the up-zoning proposed in the memo from CDD, walking is going to be the only possible way to access this dense and becoming increasingly denser area of East Cambridge.

Please pass Policy Order O-29 and let's get this exciting site developed in accordance with good zoning and urban planning.

Sincerely yours,
Rhoda S. Fantasia
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