

Support of Mass and Main project in Central Square

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City Clerk Agenda

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Please find my letter in support of the project being proposed by developers for a residential project in the area Mass and Main Street in Central square.

Thanks you

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To City Councilors

I am here to support the project that Twining has brought to the table in Central Square

I have heard rumors of it being compared to the Courthouse...and I want to dispel those rumors

Here are the facts

The building Twining has in Central is 2/3 the size of the courthouse

The building Twining has in Central square is ALL housing, with affordable housing being met and additional affordable being added by them as they were asked in these other meetings before this one. Where as the Courthouse is ALL office, except for what we in East Cambridge got them to compromise with for 4 floors at the bottom of the building for housing about 24 units. A small pitence for what we were interested in having them do.

So lets be clear in NOT comparing this building in Central Square being compared to the Courthouse and the debacle existing with that building today.

I think that the Twining building is something that is NEEDED desperately in Central Square. There is so very little housing there now. This would be a welcome addition to the square and give the area of businesses and retail a market to build toward in the coming years.

They are offering retail on the first floor, which is what we ask all of our developers in East Cambridge to do and have it be local so that we can support others in our neighborhoods to grow here for us first.

This development starts the ball rolling, and moves things forward in a way that Central Square has never seen before. I think that this square deserves a good building for residential.....and it can be a key building in the Square for future development.

If the other buildings are doing commercial and retail then this is a welcome addition to the square.

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