

Support more housing-Support Mass+Main

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Hello,

I am a Cambridgeport resident who is concerned by underutilized extremely valuable urban space in Cambridge (particularly central square) which, besides being unsightly, by being left underdeveloped, raises home prices beyond what the middle class can afford and restricts the potential for more growth and dynamism within the city.

New development will sustain positive growth for the city. If the city becomes too restrictive and stagnant, our competitive advantage will erode, eventually have jobs and opportunities move to areas that allow for more growth and opportunities.

Mass+Main project is a sensible addition to an area currently underserved by open surface parking lots near a central T station and fits easily in line with the K2C2 commission that gathered a lot of input and time planning the area.

Taller buildings and increased floor area ratios – at major transportation hubs and along major corridors are vital for Cambridge's future. I realize that it is a natural human instinct to oppose new development in an area people already live in and love. I ask the council to look past this knee-jerk feelings of fear of the unknown to try to build upon our wonderful city for future generations-to use their imagination to add new fabric to the city. Perhaps one day we look back to a building such as Mass+Main and cherish it as a seemingly natural part of the fabric of the city and cant believe we ever lived without it.

Thanks,

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