

OPPOSE Normandy Tower up-zoning

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City Clerk Agenda

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Clerk Lopez, please enter into the council record. Ms. Paden, please forward to Planning Board.

I am very concerned about a lack of vision for Central Square, especially in its architectural possibilities and space planning. I think boutique

zoning to address developers' needs and ignore the residents' wishes and needs is a flagrant misuse of governance. I am attracted to Dennis Carlone's

proposal but hope we can all, together, look at what is wanted and needed in Central Square. Architecture is a public trust. I do not wish to see

the area become, eventually, a sunless wind canyon. Seoul, Korea recently hired a architect laureate. This might be one step in the right direction.

Another is to step back and have a vision and to wisely poll the citizens.

With respect,

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