

# I Oppose Normandy Tower up-zoning

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City Clerk Agenda

To:City Council <CityCouncil@CambridgeMA.GOV>; Paden, Liza <lpaden@cambridgema.gov>;

Cc:Lopez, Donna <dlopez@cambridgema.gov>;

Dear Clerk Lopez: please enter into the council record.

Dear Ms. Paden: please forward to the Planning Board.

Dear Council,

My name is Jill Becker and I have lived here in Central Sq since 1999, specifically in Cambridgeport - 02139. First on Cottage St and a few years later on Perry St, which is where I still am. I travel the world and have several passports, but Cambridge, Central Sq is my home that I always come back to.

I went to Harvard U for my PhD in Chemistry and lived in 02138 for a year or so prior to moving to 02139. After grad school and using my thesis work I started an international company called Cambridge NanoTech from my home that created jobs and revenue. After that I started 02139 Inc., also for profit, also from my home. I mentor in this wonderfully entrepreneurial community. My companies, both named with a nod to Cambridge/Central Sq, and my life's work have always included benefits to this incredible, intelligent, and diverse community that I live and work in.

I strongly believe that we all play an important part in our communities and that we all should act in a manner to benefit the community that we ourselves benefit from. Thus I am asking that this honorable Council ensure that:

Any new development in Central Sq should benefit the entire community as a whole.

Change is inevitable, but we have the capacity and grace and courtesy to plan the change in a manner that creates a long lasting impact of Central Sq without forgetting its past. An impact that is positive to the entire community now and in the future. The true value and wealth of any community is its people. A diverse make-up of a community benefits us all. Similarly, policies and zoning need to be set for the benefit of the entire community. Existing policies need to be followed or put to a vote for the community.

If I could be of any positive use in this process, please do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to working together with other residents, developers and city staff to come to the best possible outcome for Central Sq and its people of which I am one.

Sincerely,

Jill

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