

opposed to Normandy Twining upzoning petition

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City Clerk Agenda

To:City Council <CityCouncil@CambridgeMA.GOV>;

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

Dear Councillors,

I remain opposed to the Normandy Twining rezoning petition that would enable the development of the 195' Mass + Main tower among other to be announced and possibly less desirable changes in the rezoned district.

Supporters trumpet the "unprecedented" percentage of affordable units the development would deliver -- also unprecedented are the proposed height and density increases beyond those envisioned by the most recent area planning study, and before any serious attempt to craft a citywide housing plan, a plan which is expected to include long-discussed increases to the inclusionary percentage over and above the amount offered in this deal. I hope 17% for low and moderate income households does not become the new ceiling for when our inclusionary percentage is finally increased. Other cities are well ahead of us on this front. The project also set the less desirable precedent of allowing off-site surface parking.

Please consider carefully whether you are rushing to approve a deal with compromises that future decision makers and residents will regret settling for.

Sincerely,

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