

I am Carole Bellew

I am here to support Mass and Main

Two reasons for continuing to support them are as follows

I had a conversation with City manager Richard Rossi and he informed me that the over 40 unit offer that M and M has put on the table is worth per unit \$600,000. That alone is worth over \$24,000,000 to the city and the affordable housing issues that it faces on a regular and consistent basis. It is nice to know that they have gone beyond their required amount of affordable housing, to put on the table a substantial amount of extra housing for what is needed across this city, and especially in major areas like Central Square.

I am also wanting to point out that the planning board has put on paper about the C2 issues that exist, especially in the area of Central Square. Offering up this housing in a square that so desperately needs this is a great offering for all who even own in Central Square. After all the years that I have lived in Cambridge, which is over 30, I have never seen a bit of development, besides what the city has done, in Central Square, and nothing compares to what M and M is offering in this Square, that no other developer, or land owner has come to the table to offer up. They are aware that it is larger than what is allowed, but see other properties along Bishop Allen Drive that could be used for transfer of some of the developable lots there to make it quite acceptable to the rules and regulations from C2 recommendations.