

Letter title "Please say No to Towers vote"

Ellen Mass <emass73@gmail.com>

Thu 5/14/2015 12:00 PM

City Clerk Agenda

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

letter is for Towers Vote.

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From: Ellen Mass <emass73@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, May 14, 2015 at 7:59 AM

Subject: please include my letter in official record

To: "Lopez, Donna" <dlopez@cambridgema.gov>

Thanks for including my letter in the official record.

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May 18- Why Vote No

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

Cc:Lopez, Donna <dlopez@cambridgema.gov>; keepecambridgelivable@gmail.com <keepecambridgelivable@gmail.com>; fresh-pond-residents-alliance@googlegroups.com <fresh-pond-residents-alliance@googlegroups.com>;

Cambridge City Councilors:

Spot zoning at Alewife has given the city a black mark with the federal government (US-EPA) , endangering the lives and property of surrounding watershed residents. According to many studies Little River and Alewife Brook contain some of the highest levels of contamination in the 76 sq. miles of watershed and new buildings continue to be tied into the drainage system without proper environmental oversight. Many mistakes are made with spot zoning as cumulative determinations on the federal 100 year floodplain have not been made for sea rise levels and ground water elevations from this low-lying floodplain next to the sea - as mentioned in the Vulnerability Assessment study of the city last month.

By continuing to spot zone without a Cambridge Master Plan that most prosperous cities and towns in the USA have in place, we are unwittingly deteriorating our population's standard of living throughout this famed academic and high tech city, both in east and west Cambridge.

Ellen Mass
President
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