

In support /Twining Proposal

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City Clerk Agenda

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

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to ask your support of the Twining Proposal.

It is an undisputed fact that Cambridge needs more units of housing, with as many low income and affordable units as can be leveraged with private developers under current laws and guidelines.

--This is such a proposal.

Clearly a single building cannot by itself be judged on its capacity to solve an acute shortage of housing--the depth of which numbers in the tens of thousands of units.

---To suggest otherwise is naive.

However, this proposal can deliver a significant down payment on that need.

Moreover, the actions of Mr. Twining and his team, and of Normandy Partners since investing in Central Square (but also in Kendall Square and also, by reputation) indicate that these partners have staked their public positions on genuine place making in Cambridge for the long term.

As developers, Normandy and Twining are desirable community building partners.

-- I urge you to support this proposal.

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