

Re: Support for Normandy / Twining Proposal

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City Clerk Agenda

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to reiterate my support for the Mass+Main project, especially in light of their revised petition calling for 20% affordable and middle-income units - a rate that I believe should be mandatory for all new housing developments in Cambridge.

Housing in Cambridge is in high-demand, with few opportunities to increase the supply of units around rapid transit stations. The City badly needs new units, both market-rate and low- to moderate-income, in hopes of keeping a diverse population. The Normandy/Twining proposal is an opportunity the City should take, and Mass. Ave. in Central Square is the right location for this project.

I also want to express again my support for reserving as much commercial space as possible for local businesses.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Justin Crane

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On Wed, Feb 25, 2015 at 3:21 PM, Justin Crane <jfcrane@gmail.com> wrote:

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to encourage you and other members of the planning board to support the Normandy Partners / Twining Properties request for commercial FAR and an increase in height limits.

Housing in Cambridge is in high-demand, with few opportunities to increase the supply of units around rapid transit stations. The City badly needs new units, both market-rate and low- to moderate-income, in hopes of keeping a diverse population. The Normandy/Twining proposal is an opportunity the City should take, and Mass. Ave. in Central Square is the right location for this project. I also appreciate the proposal's suggestion of stepping down massing towards Columbia and Bishop Allen.

I want to express special support for the provision of as many low- and moderate-income units as possible as well as 3- and 4-bedroom units for families. I also want to express support for reserving as much commercial space as possible for local businesses.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Justin Crane

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