

DON'T Approve Normandy Tower up-zoning/ development

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City Clerk Agenda

To:City Council <CityCouncil@CambridgeMA.GOV>; Paden, Liza <lpaden@cambridgema.gov>;

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Dear Council,

I have recently been made aware that Normandy Properties has applied to up-zone Central Square. I am against the up-zoning and was very disappointed to hear that the City Council allowed this petition to go through.

My husband and I are mid-30's professionals that work in Boston, but prefer to live in Cambridge. We bought our condo in Cambridgeport a year ago and welcomed our first child recently. I chose to live in Cambridgeport because it is close to Central Sq. I enjoy the cultural diversity of the neighborhood visible on the subway platforms or in Dana Square Park. My husband and I also chose Central Square over all other squares in Cambridge because we love the independent coffee shops and restaurants.

I oppose the re-zoning and building of any additional tall buildings in Central Sq. The building on the corner of Prospect and Mass Ave is enough of an eye sore. Adding a second tall building would change the landscape so extensively as to change the feeling of Central Square entirely. I fear that Central Square would become Cambridge's "Rosslyn, VA". Rosslyn is just over the river from Washington, DC but is not subject to the height restrictions that developers are subject to in the District. Rosslyn has become a dull, empty neighborhood of tall, nondescript glass buildings.

Let's keep Central Square human, independent, and beautiful.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bresolin Silver