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dear elected councilors of the city of Cambridge.

I completely oppose the Forest City deals that are being voted on Monday. While I am far away and cannot go in person to voice my displeasure with how these deals are going against thoughtful planning and regulations that have been fought for decades. We need a real urban developer, not an ongoing caravan of commercial developers with greedy interests with absolutely no ties not understanding of the quality of life in Cambridge. There are other ways to get jobs for Cambridge citizens. and to boost the economy, as well as to do mindful urban development. This is not it. We have the coffers full not because of this kind of management ideas, but because we have world class universities here. People who come for these also come and stay because of the quality of life, which is quickly eroding because of these decisions. The time you spend on these issues is appreciated, but, please, take the time and find the expertise and the plan to go along with the development in the whole area. I also agree with the statement below written by Mr. Teague Costanza eggerters
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Folks,

I apologize for broadcasting email but the *final vote* on up zoning for the developer, Forest City, can be taken at Monday's city council.

I feel it is important to support our neighbors half way cross town as many supported us in our battles with our city and with *over* development (or simply "bad" development). And there are basic principles that affect every one of us in all of Cambridge (and here in North Cambridge more than most):

- missing a Master Plan (or any "real" planning at all)
- that public policy is bonus for Affordable Housing (not for "horse rendering plants" etc)
- zoning development rights are not for sale (our laws are supposed to protect us)

Planning

Right now two housing developments are slated to be built on either side of the Pfizer Bio Lab in Alewife. A terrible place to live. Right now, Forest City wants a Bio Lab in Central Sq. A great place to live. A Master Plan might group these new industrial buildings together, in Kendall and Alewife. But Cambridge does not have a Master Plan. A plan is being made for Central. At least wait for it.

Bonus is for Affordable Housing

Forest City wants a ***bonus*** in size and height ... nearly double from 137,500 to about 250,000 square feet. But we have a ***bonus*** system, base on our morals and our public policy: only if Affordable Housing is built. Then we allow almost 200,000 square feet. And we get more than 30 Affordable Units in return. Instead, Forest City wants a "double bonus" for pushing a Bio Lab into Central Sq!

Cambridge "Not For Sale"

Now, at the very last instant, Forest City offers \$2 million to the city to build a bigger Bio Lab. It is unconscionable to be selling our quality of life. And if you could possibly buy an Affordable Unit for \$300,000, the Affordable Housing we are ***not*** getting is worth well over \$9 Million. As the old saying goes: "cheap at twice the price". But the price is irrelevant. What is being sold is the health, safety, welfare, and the very community of the ***current*** residents of Cambridge.

If this makes sense, please ***email right now*** your support of good development, good government, and your "neighbors".

Thanks!

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SAMPLE EMAIL

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