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**To:** council@cambridgema.org  
**Cc:** Lopez, Donna  
**Subject:** Please Reject the Forest City Petition

Hello Cambridge City Councilors,

We are writing to you today to ask you to vote against the current Forest City petition for zoning changes to their proposed building on the All Asia site. The principal reason we oppose this zoning change, is that the height limits were something negotiated a number of years ago with Forest City as an original compromise with the neighborhoods. There needs to be some sort of community rational for overturning this agreement and building above the heights limits. So far Forest City has not been able to demonstrate to the residents of the surrounding neighborhoods that there is some sort of fundamental reason for changing this limit, other than the desire to make a larger profit for themselves. The height limits were a previous compromise to insure rational growth that will fit the scale and character of the neighborhood, while maintaining adequate open space and blue sky. No one in the neighborhoods is demanding that all growth and development cease. We are only asking that the growth and change take place in a spirit of compromise that adequately addresses the needs and desires of the residents. Thank you for your service and your struggle with these important and complex issues.

We appreciate your service and work on behalf of the residents of Cambridge.

Best wishes,

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