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Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 3:42 PM
To: City Council
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Subject: Please Vote Bishop Petition Now

Dear Councilors,

My name is Ron Jackson. I have been living and voting in North Cambridge for over 20 years. I believe that we have had a lot of development over the past few years, some of which has not been occupied yet. For instance, I live within eyeshot of the new 7 Cameron housing complex that will be 37 units on Cameron Ave. Once occupied, that building alone will likely eat up any remaining residential spots on the side streets, and cause a slight traffic strain on the neighborhood on my side of Mass ave. I can live with that, as there will be a new building that, although rather big, will look nice and new. However, lately, I have been hearing about other large proposed building across the other side of Mass ave. that surely will put a strain on the traffic and safety on all of North Cambridge. I'm talking about the three proposed sites along the linear path, especially the **104 unit Fawcett Oil site**.

Although, if done right and in the character of the neighborhood, replacing old, unused commercial buildings with new, more aesthetically appealing residential units is a nice upgrade and reuse of property, I believe that the culmination of these the many proposed, under construction, or recently completed residential buildings (7 Cameron, Cambridge Lumber, JH Emerson, and Fawcett Oil to name a few) will lead to more congestion up along, and on, Mass Avenue.

While it is a positive that the Cambridge Lumber and JH Emerson sites have been reduced 30% and 50% from their proposed number of units, the **proposed 104 unit four story Fawcett Oil site** remains grossly oversize, and out of character with its surroundings (two and three family houses) situated on small winding feeder streets that empty onto an already crowded Mass ave. These projects, **especially the 104 unit four story Fawcett Oil site** will most definitely contribute to lower quality of life for residents of North Cambridge.

Therefore, I would like to see the Bishop Petition on the City Council agenda by October 20th.

Thanks for taking the time to read this,

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