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From: Dan Jeffs [danjeffs@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 11:49 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Lopez, Donna
Subject: Don't Change Zoning Law for Forrest City!

Dear City Counselors,

As an Area 4 resident, I have lived with the unprecedented expansion of labs and office parks pushing into our neighborhood, and I urge you to reject the Forrest City petition. Large developers like Forrest City have little interest in the community, or the well being of the residents of Cambridge. In the past year we have endured mega projects like the Novartis and MIT construction, it appears that our neighborhood is getting bulldozed for private profit.

This isn't one decision in itself, and your decision will impact future generations. In 10 years Central Square will be a lifeless generic office park without your resolve. All the poor and middle class residents will be pushed out. There are quality of life considerations as well. Imagine taking a walk down Mass Ave on a winter day. With this building in place, the sun won't reach the sidewalk on the far side of the street, from the Albany St. all the way up to Lafayette Sq. It may be extra square feet they get, but we are stuck walking in the shadows of industry.

"The population density of Cambridge is 16,422 people per square mile, which makes Cambridge the fifth most densely populated city in the US and the second most densely populated city in Massachusetts behind neighboring Somerville." (from wikipedia) Open space is critically needed in this city, but also consider vertical open space. There is wisdom in the zoning laws that are in place.

I thank you for your time, and wish you the best.

Sincerely,

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