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Sent: Saturday, July 28, 2012 1:17 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Lopez, Donna
Subject: DISCARD ANY EFFORTS TO BUILD ON THE PARK AT SIDNEY / MASS AND HALT THE UPZONING PETITION UNTIL IT IS VERIFIED THAT PARKING AND TRAFFIC IS MANAGEABLE

Importance: High

Dear Honorable Cambridge City Counselor,

Thank you for your attention.

It seems to me that no one that actually lives in Cambridge or the Central Square area finds much positive in Forest City's plans for a 'quasi skyscraper' - approach at the ALL ASIA block, 300 Mass Ave. Cambridge has secured plenty of high tech and disappointing one corporate tenant's dream for the benefit of the community is the right course of action.

The current Up-zoning Petition by Forest City seems one sided, self-serving and according to two architects I spoke with plain bad taste architecturally.

Forest City's self serving proposition discards the fact that Mass Ave is already congested, is already very vital and that a more inviting appearance within the zoning limit will fit the character of Cambridge much better than 110 feet of Office spaces.

Furthermore, Forest City is unable to provide enough parking for the community that such a building would require.

It would be reckless to allow this petition to go forward and cast a bad light on the integrity of the City Council as a democratically elected institution.

I was even more disappointed by the absurd proposal by Forest City to bulldoze the GREEN PARK opposite the ASGARD GRILL. This park is one of the VERY FEW remaining children and family and community friendly spots in Cambridge. Unlike the park at 45 Sidney Street – the primary use being visual and representation for the office owners - this park has every

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day lots of people using it. You will never see a child using the park at 45 Sidney Street. Any demolition or cutting down of the park at Sidney / Mass Ave is clearly NOT in the interest of the Cambridge community. It should never be allowed, not now, not in the future. Please remember this when the developer will come back with more unreasonable proposals targeting this green space for his own enrichment.

I believe that it is in the interest of the City to allow the developer to build and design within the ZONING STANDARD that has served the community and city well. The developer Forest City should be strongly discourage from attempting to build anything on the above mentioned green space.

Last, Central Square does NOT need any "revitalization". Central Square is already a very busy area.

It needs BEAUTIFICATION, trees and community-oriented retail that attract visitors and make it more attractive for Cambridge as a city.

Thank you for your good work.

The citizen of all of Cambridge will remember the consequences of your vote on this matter for a long time.

Sincerely, David Kant