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Sent: Monday, July 30, 2012 2:44 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Lopez, Donna
Subject: Vote NO on the Forest City Corp. petition

Dear Cambridge City Council Members:

This letter is to urge you to vote **NO** on the Forest City Corp. petition.

As a Cambridge resident and parent, I am concerned with the drastic changes to the quality of life in Central Square--and Cambridge at large---that this petition is asking to make. Specifically, I am very worried about the following:

- the congestion coming into Central Square with this over-development
- the decrease in affordable housing in the area
- the high chance that the retail space will be dedicated to big-box, chain retailers--without any concessions to make it easier for local businesses to locate there
- the health and safety of our residents with expanded traffic and pollution in such a concentrated space

Changing the Cambridge zoning laws to satisfy one corporation is NOT good government for Cambridge and will set a dangerous precedent. By enabling this project to move forward, you, the City Council Members, would be putting big business before the very constituents you represent. I hope you will vote NO on this important issue.

Respectfully,

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