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From: Bob McGowan [bob.mcgowan@me.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 09, 2011 4:21 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Drury, Margaret
Subject: Fawcett Housing and the Bishop Petition

Dear: Mayor Maher, Councilor Simmons, Councilor Reeves, Councilor Toomey, Councilor Davis, Councilor Decker, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Cheung, and Councilor Seidel

We are writing in support of the Bishop Petition to downzone to parts of North Cambridge to Residential B designation and would like it to be placed on the Council agenda by October 20th.

My name is Dr. Robert McGowan and I live with my wife, Ms. Dianne Cabral, at 22 Brookford Street in North Cambridge. Both my wife and I are lifelong (50 years +) residents of Cambridge (born here) and have lived in our home for 27 years. My wife and I are voters and want the Council to know how we feel about the proposed Fawcett development in North Cambridge.

We feel the proposed development is too large and out of character with the rest of our neighborhood. I feel I speak for the majority (if not all) of the approximately 40 home owners and voters on our street in saying that we believe that a smaller development would be better and safer for our community. We think you would have a huge task in finding just one voter, in the hundreds that would be effected in this neighborhood, that would be in favor of this development as it is proposed.

The proposed of 104 rental units and the 4 story buildings do not fit well with the 1 & 2 story family houses in our neighborhood. Our streets are already over burdened and cannot handle an "additional" neighborhood being placed between two others.

We urge the City Council to support the Bishop Petition and the efforts of our community to keep this area of North Cambridge safe and livable. We are asking you to do the right thing and support "your supporters" and vote "yes" on the Bishop Petition before October 20th.

Sincerely,
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