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To: City Council; Drury, Margaret
Subject: For the record: Bishop Petition, please support 2nd reading

Dear City Councilors,

While I appreciate the voiced support from much of City Council regarding the Bishop Petition as a fallback for negotiations with Fawcett Oil, I just want to indicate that my position has been that the numbers in the Bishop Petition were already a compromise, offered to have a quick resolution to the situation in a package that was felt to be supportable by the Council. If you have been following the proceedings, the latest proposal has 95 units, still far above the 77 compromise offered in the Bishop Petition.

Your support of the Bishop Petition, by voting to pass the petition to a second reading, would lend gravity to the negotiations, and may actually apply the needed pressure to get a more reasonable proposal from the developer for discussion.

North Cambridge has been receiving a number of moderately large-scale residential projects, but lacks not only the current infrastructure to support them but also the local infrastructure capacity (businesses/services/institutions/roadways) to be truly viable carfree for most. As such, additional dense residences only tax the infrastructure further.

The issue is not just being incongruous with the feel of the neighborhood, but that the infrastructure of the neighborhood just cannot support the scale of these projects in SD-2.

Most of us feel that 77 units is already too much of a compromise, and the "accommodations" by the developer with the various 90+ unit proposals are lipstick on a pig.

Please pass the Bishop Petition to a second reading, so that we can quickly get to a more fruitful stage of discussions with the developer.

My friends and neighbors are looking to you to show your support of neighbors facing development projects out-of-scale with the neighborhood's ability to absorb the impacts.

thank you for considering my request,
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