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From: Karen Sedat [karensedat@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 08, 2011 12:16 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Drury, Margaret
Subject: Please vote the Bishop Petition NOW—put on the agenda by Oct 20th

Dear: Mr. Seidel, Mr. Maher, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Toomey, Ms. Davis, Ms. Decker, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Cheung,

I am 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.

I have owned and lived at 42 Brookford Street in Cambridge for the past seven years, and am a direct abutter of the Fawcett and Emerson properties. A significant reason I moved to Cambridge, and specifically the Brookford/Cottage Park neighborhood was for the small town feel of a neighborhood that existed within a larger city. Neighbors here look out for one another, know each others names, shovel walks for those who can't, limit our speed as we drive up and down the street, because we know it is important for the over all well being of the neighborhood.

Safety is absolutely nuts now, especially in the morning and evening. The Whittemore Triangle currently has only 120 homes and is only one way during rush hours. Streets were not planned to accommodate the number of cars here now (dogleg streets, traffic medians that necessitate crossing over several lanes of traffic to turn) much less hundreds of new vehicles proposed at Cambridge Lumber, Fawcett Oil, Emerson Building, Dudley, and Faces sites. Safety is a primary concern here—drivers have mowed down pets and threatened pedestrians due to the ever-increasing traffic density.

The existing zoning designations no longer reflect the current community dynamics, and the possible developments allowed under the existing zoning would dwarf the current neighborhood size. This is a neighborhood of one and two family homes--huge apartment buildings do not fit in!

I ask you to do the right thing and support a small but stable neighborhood by voting yes on the Bishop Petition before October 20th.

Sincerely, Karen Sedat, 42 Brookford Street, Cambridge MA 02140 617 491 3989

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