

Lopez, Donna

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Sent: Sunday, July 29, 2012 6:31 PM
To: City Council; Lopez, Donna
Subject: Please Vote No on Forest City

Dear Councilors:

Please vote "NO" on the Forest City plans.

- **The building is too tall** and too bulky for the site, shadowing Mass Ave in the winter, and cutting off sky and sun from Jill Brown-Rhone Park. I believe that the city has often not considered loss of sunlight as important in previous development projects and this is very unfortunate. From the physiological (Vitamin D production) to the psychological (depression and SAD, season affective disorder), sunlight is critical to our well-being.
- Forest City refused to include affordable housing on the site, as requested by the Council.
- Forest City is renegeing on the 80-foot height limit previously negotiated with the community.
- Forest City's offer of community benefits is a tiny fraction of the profit they will make from the additional square feet over that currently permitted. This is similar to what Boston Properties has been doing in Kendall Square with little pushback from the planning board there.
- A decision on the Forest City petition should await the report of the Central Square Advisory Committee in the fall.

Best regards,

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