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To: Davis, Henrietta (home); City Council; Lopez, Donna
Subject: Say NO to Forest City

To Mayor Henrietta Davis and the City Council:

At every meeting I attend, affordable housing, mixed-income, middle-class family housing is what people want. Is allowing Forest City to build out beyond current zoning for a biolab the only way to get housing, the only way to use that parcel? Forest City could show their goodwill, long term commitment to Cambridge and our shared future by building housing on that site. More realistically, they can gracefully accept a building at the current zoning and donate \$1,000,000.00 to the city's housing fund.

I joined the Cambridge Residents Alliance because of my experiences and perceptions from living in Central Square. The traffic is terrible and getting worse, I'm frightened riding my bike, there is no where to park my car because I don't have a driveway, and rents are way too high. We have a park, University Park Commons. It is a community benefit from Forest City's earlier development. It was supposed to be a park for the families who live in Auburn Court; however, it is used almost exclusively by the offices workers who work in the surrounding buildings. A family I know who live in Auburn Court perceives that the park is private property and they shouldn't use it.

For the above reasons, and more, I am asking all of you to vote NO to the Forest City petition next Monday, July 30.

Respectfully,

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