

Do you want canyons of buildings, wall-to-wall at the lot line on our residential streets?

*1/31/88
Attn: City Council
Cambridge, MA.
We agree with this letter.
We do not want any buildings
in Central Square. We do not want
to discourage small merchants.*

*Joseph H. Morone, 54 Western Ave, Cambridge 02139
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Construction like this

is now illegal in the YMCA and city parking lots on Green Street.

is now illegal for new condos on the Central Square side of Bishop Allen, Temple, Pleasant, Franklin and Brookline Streets.

is now illegal in the YMCA half-block on Inman, Bishop Allen and Temple.

Next to the neighborhoods, present zoning discourages extremely large buildings on small lots. It does this by requiring yards at the sidewalk and between and behind buildings. The bigger the building, the more yard required. Even by Central Square present law requires yards around new condos.

The city's development staff appointed a committee loaded with people who make money off development. This committee studied Central Square.

The developer committee, to no great surprise, has proposed to the city council that these major zoning protections be destroyed. Study committees appointed/advised by the city's development staff always want to reduce these protections. The excuses and details vary; the actions never do.

The developer committee wants new buildings to have solid walls, lot line to lot line, at the sidewalk, four and a half stories high in all the places I listed. The committee talks of "set-backs". They mean putting yards on roofs, with higher construction a few feet back, starting 4 1/2 stories up.

The developer committee doesn't like only having two office towers at Central Square. They want four tower buildings.

The developer committee wants to discourage convenience grocery stores in Central Square and on the Central Square edges of the neighborhoods.

Come to the CITY COUNCIL HEARING
on the
"CENTRAL SQUARE ACTION PLAN"

Second Floor, City Hall
Monday,
February 1, 1988, 6 P.M.

Tell the City Council to tell the developer committee
what they can do with their plans.

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Comm. from Joseph Monane, transmitting a copy of a notice to people to attend the February 1, 1988 6:00 p.m. hearing before the City Council regarding the Central Sq. Action Plan.

In City Council,

January 25, 1988

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