



To Councillor Sandra Graham:

The Grass Roots Organization urges the City Council to pass the two down zoning proposals before you concerning the Hilliard Street Area as well as the down zoning petition presented by the East Cambridge Planning Team.

In all three cases, G.R.O. feels that the interests of the people of Cambridge can be best served by restricting the commercial development of our City. It is, in our minds, far more important to preserve our neighborhoods than it is to earn profits for individuals who seldom have any lasting interest in the welfare of this City.

Finally, G.R.O. strongly urges the City Council to pass the Harvard Square Overlay Zoning proposal on third reading. While we feel that the controls proposed by this zoning amendment may not be strong enough to control the enormous developmental pressures on Harvard Square, this proposal is definitely a step towards saving the neighborhoods that border on the Square.

On behalf of G.R.O.

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