

Community Development Department. He has extensive experience in planning and zoning matters. Chris will be working out of our office at 101 Main Street and can be reached at 225-0909 ext. 309.

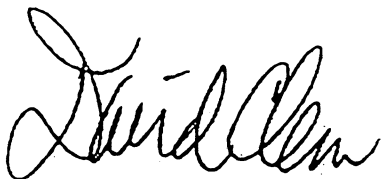
I urge you to read the enclosed materials. They explain the zoning amendment process, the status of the pending amendments, the rationale for opposing the expansion of the IPOP provisions, and a sample document for formally registering opposition. Lyme will distribute additional informational materials over the next several days. Please help us improve our records by completing the enclosed card and mailing it to our Cambridge office.

If this IPOP amendment impacts you directly, I trust you will file a formal opposition letter with the City Clerk and lobby individual City Councillors. (Please send a copy of your letter to Lyme so we can update our files and track our progress). If we can muster opposition from 20% of the affected landowners, it will only take the support of three of the nine councillors to defeat the downzoning.

Even if you are not directly impacted, I ask that you seriously consider filing an opposition letter. It is time to stop the erosion of property rights in Cambridge. The next downzoning petition may well be targeted at you. As Benjamin Franklin once warned, "if we fail to hang together, we will surely hang separately."

I am encouraged by the number of taxpayers who have responded favorably thus far, but feel free to call if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Clem". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent than the last name "Clem".

David Clem

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As you probably know, the City Council has filed two amendments to the IPOP (Interim Planning Overlay Petition) section of the zoning ordinance. The first expands IPOP coverage to include the construction of "more than 150 spaces in a parking facility". The second modifies the IPOP approval process by allowing the Cambridge Planning Board to review applications for a planning overlay special permit simultaneously with an application for other special permits.

There is little doubt that Councillor Toomey, author of the proposed amendment expanding IPOP coverage to include parking facilities, was targeting our Cambridge Research Park project (formerly the ComEnergy site) in Kendall Square. The zoning amendment was advertised the day Lyme received the pre-approvals from municipal departments necessary to file a building permit application for the first phase of our below-grade parking garage. However, by filing this amendment, the City Councillor has impacted other projects as well.

Last September, the Cambridge business community was "asleep at the switch" when the City Council enacted the original IPOP ordinance. We did not properly evaluate the impact of the zoning change and therefore were unable to educate the general public and the City Council about the negative consequences of its passage. Although the Planning Board recommended against the ordination of IPOP, an insufficient number of affected landowners registered formal opposition to the IPOP downzoning and it passed, much to the surprise and chagrin of a number of major taxpayers.

This time there is no excuse for being uninformed or inactive. Lyme Properties has decided to take the lead in opposing the expansion of IPOP. We believe it is our responsibility to organize the business and institutional property owners that are harmed by politically motivated downzoning petitions. It is our objective to defeat this particular IPOP amendment and in doing so develop materials and a database that can be activated quickly for other downzoning petitions.

To this end, Lyme has contracted with Chris Dame of The Project Management Group to manage this effort. Chris is familiar with Cambridge having formerly worked in the

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A communication was received from
Councillor Toomey, transmitting
a communication from David Clem,
Lyme Properties, LLC regarding two
amendments to the IPOP Petition.

In City Council February 22, 1999

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