

February 23, 2014

Dear members of the Planning Board,

I am writing to urge you to deny the application that would permit the 280' tower at 40 Thorndike Street to continue as a privately owned building at that address. I have been a resident of Cambridge for 25 years. The neighborhood surrounding 40 Thorndike is one I have worked in and travelled through many times. Whatever terrible, misguided influences and instincts that permitted the court house to be erected in the 1970's need to be rectified by denying this application. Can there be any doubt that if this were a request for new construction it would be summarily dismissed as totally out of character with the surrounding neighborhood? Of course not. Please do not let the mistake of some 40 years ago serve as an excuse to further punish this neighborhood and to diminish the quality of life in Cambridge.

Sincerely,

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