

**Paden, Liza**

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**From:** monica raymond [femmevox@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 24, 2014 9:06 PM  
**To:** Paden, Liza; City Council  
**Subject:** Please deny special permit #288

Dear Cambridge Planning Board,

I'm writing to ask you to take into account the wishes of many East Cambridge residents and to deny Special Permit Application #288 at your March meeting.

Sheathing the building in glass and turning it into commercial office space will do nothing to address community concerns about a monstrous architectural behemoth in the midst of a human scale community.

In addition, turning it into commercial office space will bring tons of traffic and congestion into the neighborhood, with no thought about how to accommodate this (92 parking spaces?)

This is a misguided, money driven solution that does not service the surrounding community. Denying the special permit may give time for some other, more productive alternative plans to emerge.

So I urge you--please do not let this development go forward as scheduled. At the very least, slow it down so some of these concerns can be considered and addressed.

with thanks for reading and for your prompt action,

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