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Dear Liza,

I am a 16 year resident of East Cambridge and reside on Thorndike Street – 1.5 blocks from the Sullivan Courthouse. This courthouse has always been a neighborhood eyesore. It's height causes excessive wind and it is the lone high rise in a neighborhood of low residential housing.

The development of this building at its current height with the current plans will bring too many people and too much traffic to a neighborhood already struggling with commuters traveling from Kendall Square to the McGrath Highway and Route 93. The glass facade design will create glare and heat problems and do nothing to alleviate the excessive winds.

Kendall Square has been a good model of combined residential/commercial space which has been carved out of mostly undeveloped land. This courthouse redevelopment is the opposite. It is an inappropriately large building for this well-established neighborhood.

I have attached a PDF version of this letter.
Thank you for addressing these concerns.

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