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**To:** Paden, Liza; counsel@cambridgma.gov; City Manager; Murphy, Brian; Decker, Marjorie (home); Mayor  
**Subject:** Sullivan Courthouse

I am a resident of East Cambridge and work in Kendall Square and I am strongly opposed to the current plans for redevelopment of Sullivan Courthouse. I support the efforts of the newly formed neighborhood group opposing this plan.

This is a great opportunity to correct a horrendous mistake that was made by putting the courthouse there in the first place. I would like to think that the city and state have evolved in their thinking about urban planning and design since then.

The building should be brought down in height to conform with the rest of the neighborhood so that it can no longer cast a long and asbestos-ridden shadow on the beautiful, historic buildings surrounding it.

I think that attention should also be paid to the traffic and parking burdens the current plan would impose on the neighborhood. I am also greatly concerned about the environmental and public health impact that any construction would have on the people in the neighborhood. We know that this building is toxic -- please don't allow a private developer to take shortcuts to save money as they work on this building.

This is a chance for our government to set an example and do something unexpected by actually acting in the interest of good urban design. Don't be boring and sell out to the higher bidder -- that's been done a million times.

Sincerely,

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