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lighting at 135 Broadway

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To: PlanningBoardComment@cambridgema.gov, Planning@cambridgeredevelopment.org

Dear Planning Board and CRA,

I am concerned about the lighting plan in the 135 Broadway residential tower Design Review Submission to be discussed at your Tuesday, April 12 meeting.

On page 70, it says "The MXD residential tower with its faceted form and textured paneling will become a beacon in Kendall Square and highly visible in the Cambridge skyline." It is good that the design "will ensure that no light spills into the residential units", but I wonder if the developer is also sensitive to the fact that this building is near the Port and East Cambridge neighborhoods and very close to the existing and planned residential towers in the Volpe area. For a building of this height, I would hope that the developer would minimize the above-ground-level lighting during sleeping hours, instead of incorporating lighting that has no functional purpose.

Thank you,
Bjorn Poonen (homeowner at 303 3rd St.)