

56 Highland Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

May 10, 1978

To the City Manager

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am writing this letter in re: to a story in the Herald American, Cambridge Rambler Section - i.e. "Council Refuses to Name Fire Station for Carvalhos".

I wish to commend you, as well as Fire Chief William Cremins in the action you took. We are grateful to you and Mr. Cremins.

As Italo-Americans, we feel insulted and hurt and being pushed aside because as we are from "East Cambridge" we feel that we should be heard. Our grievance is directed toward the fact that any names being dedicated within, on top of, under near the inside or outside of the new fire station is an insult. Because in the first place, although we are in complete sympathy with the Carvalhos, we feel as they lived on Tremont Street, it is hardly anywhere near East Cambridge. Now they live in Arlington. Which is outside Cambridge altogether! This is wrong.

Secondly: As only one member of that family was a fireman that is o.k. but the other was a W.W. II veteran. This is wrong! My brother was lost on Guadal Canal, Solomon Islands, Marine 1st Battalion, and so this is another wrong - to him. As my family has lived in East Cambridge for more than 50 years we feel that we are entitled to have my brother's name be mentioned first on any plaque. We lived at 14 Second Street. The new fire station is on the corner of Second Street and Cambridge Street.

Thirdly: Those four corners are known as the P.F.C. Thomas S. Pilleri Square - Do you know where the post is? It is on the corner near the new bank across the street from where we lived. The old ice cream factory stood on the corner where the new fire house is now and we lived across from it. I hope you can see why we are upset. I also know that no one will touch my brother's square. But why should these people come into East Cambridge and claim their family should be put on any plaque --- we are opposed to it.

If it was that only the fire fighters would be honored then O.K. Yes, they deserve to be honored. We agree and Mrs. Carvalho has a right to have a memorial to her son and we have a right to ours and the Ferricane Family, the Sciarappa Family, the Fulkerson Family, and many, many more of us feel we have a right to see our brother, sons, fathers names all up there too. Find a place in Arlington that the Carvalhos can have or on Tremont Street -- but in East Cambridge we say no, not unless our names go there too.

I hope you can understand that we are upset. We don't think this is right and we want you to know our feelings. World War II left a lot of families of East Cambridge touched by death. It is unjust to honor only one when we all suffered the same tragedy. My mother is 82 years old and now does she have to go through this again? Shame for Anthony Carvalho putting his poor mother in this position. Yes he won sympathy, but yes we do and we will oppose his idea. Please will you present our plight to the City Council? Will you help us to tell them we want to be recognized too. If a plaque goes up for Portuguese-Americans so should one for Italian-Americans.

If individual names go up then our names should be on it. If it is just for the firemen then so be it. Please do something we are counting on you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Paula

May 8, 1978

Dear Sir:

This is in regard to the Third Street Fire House. My dad, Daniel J. (Dick) Holleran died in line of duty, May 20, 1940. My brothers and I would like him to be considered in the dedication, as he was stationed at Engine 3 for 35 years or more, he even drove the horses.

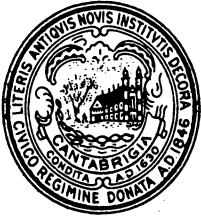
His life was fire fighting, he advised many others to become fire fighters, among them were my uncle, Captain George Friel (retired) and many cousins and friends. He loved his job and every he came in contact with at the Third Street neighborhood.

I am sure there are many people in Cambridge who still remember seeing him, in his uniform, at fires, or at the station. My dad was a credit to the Cambridge Fire Department.

We would be very proud to know that the City of Cambridge and the Fire Department still care about my dad and the other men who answered their last alarm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mrs. Catherine (Holleran) Boyle



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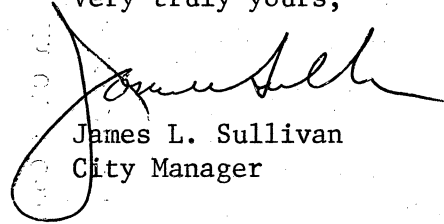
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

May 15, 1978

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed please find copies of two self-explanatory
communications relative to the dedication of the East Cambridge
Fire Station.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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RE: dedication of the East Cambridge Fire
Station.

In City Council,

May 15, 1978

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