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September 28, 1995

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Council Order #43 (9-11-95) - Drafting an Amendment to the Noise Ordinance re: the prohibition against loud amplification devices in cars.

Dear Ms. Drury :

City Council Order #43 (9-11-95) ordered, in effect, that the City Solicitor draft an amendment to the Code, Chapter 8.16 (Noise Control) regarding the "Prohibition Against Loud Amplification Devices in Motor Vehicles".

I am informed by the Deputy City Clerk that the Council's Concern here is with the playing of "boom boxes" and other radios in cars.

I believe that this subject is already covered in the Code, §8.16.080, which provides in part as follows:

8.16.080 Non-Measured Noise Disturbances

... The following acts are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this chapter (Chapter 8.16 (Noise Control))....

A. Horns, Signalling Devices, Etc.

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B. Radios, Phonographs, Etc.

Using, operating ... any radio receiving set ... in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of fifty feet from the building, structure, vehicle or dwelling unit in which it is located. (My emphasis)

Very truly yours,

Birge Albright
Birge Albright

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cc: Donald A. Drisdell, Esq.

Consent Communication #1

Communication was received from
Birge Albright, Legal Counsel, City
of Cambridge, regarding drafting
an Amendment to the Noise Ordinance
regarding the prohibition against
loud amplification devices in cars.

Referred to Agenda #9

In City Council October 16, 1995

Once these projects go, Harvard's plans get much easier.

Harvard plans major changes after 2005 to 2010. Parts of the 1986 Spiegelman / Brattle Street Architect upzoning were not reversed. These parts allow the conversion of the first floors of certain Harvard dorms to retail malls. These dorms are the dorms located between Massachusetts Avenue and Mount Auburn Street. Harvard can evict the elderly tenants at 2 Mount Auburn Street with a year's notice and move students into that building. Harvard has stated Harvard wants to develop the Riverfront after 2005 to 2010, with obvious intents for new student housing there.

And we have Brattle Street architects and fake committees doing the usual things.

I do not apologize for defending Harvard Square from people who make their living off development, including Brattle Street Architects.

I do not apologize for defending Harvard Square from people who bitterly defend their own turf, and who bitterly destroy the rest of the city. I do not apologize for standing up to people who will not take "no" for an answer.

I do not apologize for having contempt for fake committees and for city council votes taken in secret.

Sincerely,

Robert J. La Trémouille

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October 4, 1995

Editor
Harvard Crimson

Dear Editor:

I understand you had a report concerning Quincy Square which contained some false statements made by a Brattle Street Architect.

Let's get some things straight.

First of all, the vote to create the Quincy Square tourist area was taken in secret by the City Council on May 15, 1995, with no, I repeat NO public knowledge or input.

The Development Department put through a review process in which only one vote was allowed by the public. That vote, taken at the Martin Luther King School, unanimously rejected the City Council's May 15 vote. I repeat, UNANIMOUSLY rejected the May 15 vote.

The "Committee" which this Brattle Street Architect heads is a sham. It contains at most one person who lives anywhere near the project. It, like all such Development Department committees, consists overwhelmingly of "reliable" people who, can be relied upon to further the destructive ends of the Development Department.

Statements that the Quincy Square Tourist Area is a "compromise" are flat out lies.

The tourist area is the worst part of the secret May 15 vote. That vote was taken in secret because it is so irresponsible. The tourist area is not a "compromise". It is the worst part.

The Brattle Street Architect whom you quoted has bitterly fought to destroy the East Harvard Square residential area. She was a leading part of the 1986 Harvard Square upzoning written by Harvard's Vice President for Development (or whatever Spiegelman's title is). Spiegelman led the first half of the Development Department's sneaking this upzoning through, until she went to work for Harvard.

The underhanded changes in East Harvard Square rather specifically allowed retail expansion. These were reversed by the City Council when the neighborhood came to the city council in 1989. The City Council voted to keep East Harvard Square residential, in spite of repeated initiatives by the Brattle Street Architect.

The Development Department and its friends dream that Harvard and Central Square will be turned into one big retail district, destroying any and all first floor housing. They keep coming back no matter how many times they lose. They lost something like ten times in the 80's, except for the Spiegelman / Brattle Street Architect's 1986 upzoning. That was reversed in key part in 1989.

There are a number of extremely nasty purposes for the Quincy Square tourist area as it is proposed. The most immediate is to spur retail expansion which has been voted down by the city council. The city council voted retail expansion down in response to an angry neighborhood. You put a bunch of street entertainers in the middle of Quincy Square and there is no residential neighborhood.

Targets in the near future are clear. First of all, the owner of the stucco building at 1200 Massachusetts Avenue wants to put in a retail mall. Secondly, another Brattle Street architect wants to put a retail mall in the vacant lot between Arrow Street and Mount Auburn Street. The 1986 Spiegelman / Brattle Street Architect upzoning was flaunted as protecting historical buildings. That vacant lot contained three historical buildings which would not have been destroyed without the upzoning (one was viciously jammed into a nearby lot).

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October 08, 1995

President, Harvard University
Massachusetts Hall

Complaint is hereby made against Harvard University and its agents, the Inn at Harvard and the administrative personnel on duty at the Inn at Harvard at approximately 8:45 PM on the evening of October 7.

At about that time I was walking on the sidewalk of Massachusetts Avenue approaching the Inn at Harvard. I was buzzed by a black youth riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. I yelled "sidewalk". He took offense at my statement, made some "how dare you object to my endangering people" type comments. I yelled "sidewalk" again.

As we reached the driveway to the Inn at Harvard, the youth joined a group of three other black youths, all of whom proceeded to verbally accost me. One kicked me as I went by. All were behaving in a highly threatening manner in spite of the fact that I had done was object in specific language to having my physical well being endangered by bicycling on the sidewalk.

I entered your facility, the Inn at Harvard, approached the front desk. I calmly and repeatedly made the same statement to the desk clerk, getting louder each time: "I have been assaulted by a group of youths in front of your facility. Call the police." After the second or third repetition, she asked me if I was a guest at the hotel.

After I repeated my request at a sufficiently loud volume that I could be heard by all in the dining room, the clerk went through the motions of making a phone call. I went out on the sidewalk where I could observe the youths and any police. The youths got the hint and left. No police came.

You have front people running around who claim to be something other than Harvard fronts. These people are aggressively attempting to destroy the residential area around the Inn at Harvard by a creating a tourist entertainment area in Quincy Square. Among the many lies used has been the rather obvious statement that Harvard would be a responsible abutter, and that Harvard would prevent Quincy Square from becoming a zoo. Your agents whether they claim to head "neighborhood organizations" or are simply Brattle Street architects, seem to be totally unaware of the existence of Holyoke Plaza, but then reality seldom interferes with the claims of such people.

Your very obvious agents at the Inn at Harvard demonstrated the falsity of the claims of responsibility in an extreme manner on the evening of October 7.

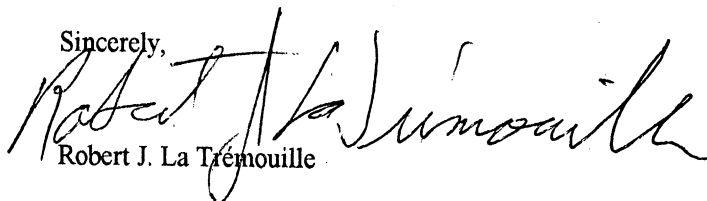
The idea is unacceptable that the clerk at the desk would hesitate in the slightest to call the police when an individual enters complaining of being assaulted in front of the building. The idea that a person would have to repeat the statement time and time again, finally yelling it in a manner audible to every one in that large room is totally unacceptable. The idea that she, apparently, never called the police is even worse.

Publicly and clearly sanction your obvious agents at the Inn at Harvard.

Call off your puppets fighting for the tourist entertainment district, whether they claim to be "neighborhood association" leaders or are even more flagrant like Brattle Street architects who bitterly defend their turf and bitterly destroy that part of Harvard Square which is not their turf, or are simply city staff with fake committees and secret votes by the city council.

Behave in a responsible manner.

Sincerely,


Robert J. La Trémouille

Enclosure: Letter of October 4, 1995 to Harvard Crimson

cc: Cambridge Police, Cambridge Licensing Commission, Cambridge City Council, neighbors, media

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Madam:

Please transmit the enclosed to the City Council for its meeting of October 16, 1995.

Thank you, as ever, for your efficient and courteous support.

Sincerely,

Robert J. La Trémouille
Robert J. La Trémouille

Consent Communication #9

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Communication was received from
Robert J. LaTremouille, 348 Franklin
Street, transmitting letter of
protest to the creation of a tourist
entertainment area in Quincy Square
and complaints about the Inn at
Harvard personnel on October 7, 1995.

In City Council October 16, 1995

Referred to City Manager.

Made Copies for City Manager
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