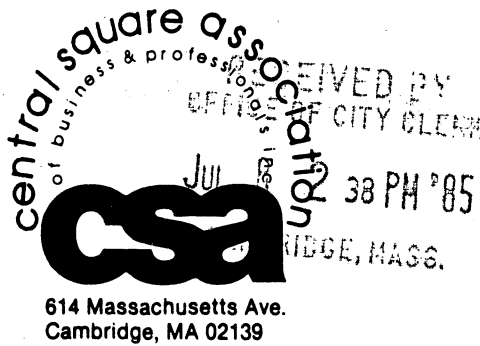




June 28, 1985

Cambridge Licensing Board
City Hall
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Gentlemen,

RE: Board Policy on Places of Entertainment

We are very concerned about the possible establishment of a readily understandable policy on the part of the Cambridge Licensing Board with regard to the following:

1. Limitation or (capping) of the total number of liquor licenses by easily identifiable geographic areas of the city i. e. Harvard Square, Central Square, Porter Square, Inman Square, Kendall Square, etc.
2. The policy on the part of the Licensing Board with regard to the opening and operation of places on entertainment, especially when such places are located in largely residential neighborhoods.
3. A Licensing Board policy with regard to the enforcement of existing building, zoning, and other ordinances and local and state laws, with regard to enforcement. We recognize the fact that there are justifiable and reputable business enterprises which are engaged in entertainment and the supplying of food and drink. Legitimate businesses are entitled to operate, provided they do not do so to the detriment of others, especially those who were there first.

We are particularly concerned about the Central Square area, since a large number of neighborhood groups and individuals have joined with us, and the City of Cambridge in trying to find ways and means to improve the image of Central Square, and provide those types of goods and services which are really needed by our neighbors, but, which, at the present time, may not be here.

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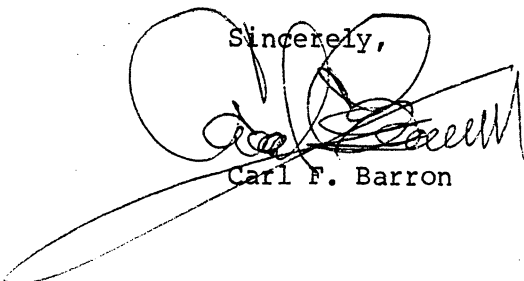
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We want to make certain that the right kind of goods and services come into existence, enhance the fulfillment of neighborhood needs, and improve the image, so that women and children, as well as men, will have no fear of shopping in the Central Square area. We would completely oppose the slightest trend toward converting Central Square into a duplicate of Boston's notorious Combat Zone, especially since so many of the denizens of that area are now leaving for other parts, under the pressure of Boston authorities. We do not want them to locate here.

I trust that a policy might be established so that guidelines would be known, meet with the approval of all, and, hopefully, would result in the assisting in the revitalization of Central Square in a good image. May we please hear from you relative to this at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely,



Carl F. Barron

cc: Cambridge City Council
CSA Board of Directors
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Comm. from Carl F. Barron, Central Square Assoc. expressing concern for possible establishment of a readily understandable policy by the License Commission Re: limitation of total number of liquor licenses, opening & operation of places of entertainment & enforcement of existing building code & state & local laws on enforcement.

Copy sent to the City Manager 8/5/85 mh

In City Council,

August 5, 1985

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Referred to the
City Manager
for
Report -*