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Cambridge Art Association

Executive Director  
Kathryn Zuckerman



25 Lowell Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138 (617) 876-0246

February 2, 1995

Mr. Robert Healy, City Manager  
Cambridge City Hall  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear City Manager Healy,

On January 27th, the director of the New School of Music notified me that she had received a visit from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works, Mr. Gerry Boyle, to notify her that the Lowell Street School was going to be used for housing and that our lease (we sublease part of the building from the NSM) would not be renewed.

He said we could plan on remaining in the building until June, but must plan to move out sometime soon after that. Last fall we met with Commissioner Dunfey, who explained that the building had to go out for public bid - for which a notice would appear in the paper in January. He expressed confidence that we would continue to be a desirable tenant as he felt the building was being well used and properly cared for with the current arrangement. With his reassurance we felt confident about our planning for 1995.

We are aware that much has changed in Cambridge and in the building since that time. The holder of the lease, The New School of Music, currently has no director, a Board of Directors made up almost entirely of new members and a new President.

Yet, our organization, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, remains stable, vital, and committed to its original mission from 1944 - to provide an environment for the creation and appreciation of art for all the people of Cambridge. We have planned a year long schedule to celebrate this important anniversary, which includes a two month summer 50th anniversary exhibit and the normal three day a week free summer program we offer for children from the Community Art Center and the camp run by Philips Brooks House, followed by monthly exhibits through 1995 - for which the artists have already committed their work and made arrangements.

Although we recognize the housing situation in Cambridge is critical, we are aware that the Lowell Street School is thought by many to be totally unsuitable for housing; so if that use is to be made of the building, it will only come after much discussion and work of the Council. Then, if that is the final decision, the building will have to go out for public bidding, which can take considerable time. We would like to be allowed to stay in the Lowell School until the Council has voted for an altered use of the building and has a definite starting date for these plans - without the long term lease now held by The New School of Music.

We would welcome a temporary arrangement which would allow us to continue our programs which serve approximately 1000 people of Cambridge a year and keep the building occupied, which surely must also serve the city. We would appreciate any consideration you and the Council can give this matter, and look forward to hearing from you so we can affirm our schedules and programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Zuckerman".

Kathryn Zuckerman  
Director

cc: Mayor Kenneth Reeves  
Vice Mayor Shelia T. Russell  
Councilor Kathleen L. Born  
Councilor Frank H. Duehay  
Councilor Anthony D. Galluccio  
Councilor Jonathan S. Myers  
Councilor Michael A. Sullivan  
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Councilor Katherine Triantafillou



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A true copy;

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Consent Order #3

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Street to Cambridge Art Association.

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Order adopted