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City Manager Robert Healey
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Commissioner of Public Works David Haley
147 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healey and Mr. Haley,

On September 16, the residents of Rockwell Street in Cambridgeport received a letter from the city informing us that on the 18th work would begin to replace our sidewalks with concrete. Although we have been requesting resetting of our sidewalks for ten years, we feel that this treatment rides roughshod over our rights.

It is Cambridge city policy that brick sidewalks be replaced with brick sidewalks without extra charge to the residents. Our sidewalks are and always have been brick. By giving us only two days notice, the city appears to be railroading us into accepting a less desirable substitute. We fear undue delay in the badly needed repairs if we demand treatment consistent with that given other neighborhoods in this city.

The city's letter also directed us to call the arborist if we wanted trees. Rockwell's street and sidewalks are narrow and one side is heavily obstructed by utility poles. Since we are both legally bound and personally committed to handicapped access, we feel we should have time, without jeopardizing the timely completion of the work, to consult with the Commission on the Handicapped and the city to work out a creative solution that leaves the street truly accessible to the handicapped while allowing the addition of trees to our barren block.

Yours truly,
Rockwell Street residents

cc: Kenneth Reeves
Ed Cyr
Frank Duehay
Jonathan Myers
Sheila Russell
Walter Sullivan
Tim Toomey
William Walsh
Alice Wolf
Richard Rossi
Jeffrey Nutting
Gail Enman

Thia Wandreef
Kennie Lyman
Carolyn Hunter

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STREET NUMBER</u>	<u>BRICK</u>	<u>TREES</u>
1)	Thea Vandrey	9	yes	yes
2)	Elody M. Layne	10-8	yes	odd side only
3)	Daniel MacLean	12	yes	yes
4)	Kenneth Lyman	13	yes	yes
5)	Maxylin Pentonico	18	yes	yes
6)	Lupe Tuelke	23	yes	yes
7)	Carolene Hunter	23	yes	yes
8)	Ben Williams	23	yes	yes
9)	Berley Ricketts	2	yes no	yes
10)	Richard J. Williams	12	yes	yes
11)	Glenn Bradshaw	5	yes	NO
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Consent Comm. # 3

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Comm. from Thea Vandreef, et al on
behalf of the Rockwell Street residents
relative to the replacement of their
sidewalks with concrete.

In City Council,

Oct. 5, 1992

Referred to the
City Manager,
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