

# CENTRAL SQUARE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

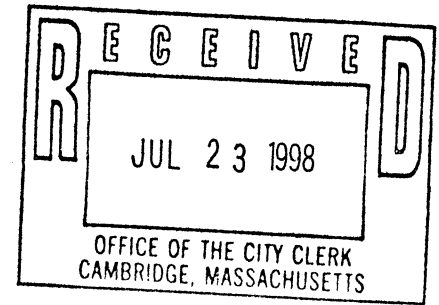
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CONFIRMING FAX



July 20, 1998

The Honorable Members of  
the Cambridge City Council  
Cambridge City Council  
City Hall  
795 Mass. Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: POSSIBLE NEW LOCATION OF CAMBRIDGE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY IN CENTRAL SQUARE

In an attempt to have those individuals and businesses who would be most deeply involved in the possible relocation of the Cambridge Public Library to Central Square be better informed, I chaired a meeting on June 30, 1998, attended by approximately 30 individuals, representing property owners, commercial tenants, the Central Square Business Association, city officials, and neighborhood residents. It was a most interesting meeting in that all points of view were presented and a great deal of information was obtained to place this matter in a much clearer light. There was still no unanimity of opinion, but I firmly believe that everyone had the opportunity to better understand the "other point of view", and it certainly gave those present a tremendous amount of information. I was extremely pleased that, at the end of the meeting, the opponents and proponents both agreed that the meeting was a very good one, provided a very substantial amount of input, and was worth while.

Any possible siting of the Cambridge Public Library in the Central Square area would be of great interest to all of my members. We also realize that "time is of the essence". Therefore, we plan to hold a similar informational meeting, on a broader scale, open to the general public, and inviting as many interested parties as possible to attend. The event will be held beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 806 Mass. Avenue, on Wednesday, August 12, 1998.

As of the moment, this would be primarily informational in purpose, and no formal vote is intended.

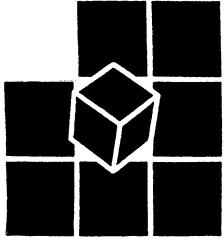
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Sincerely,

Carl F. Barron

cc: Mr. Robert W. Healy  
Mr. Richard C. Rossi  
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Mr. David Hirzel, Principal  
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Dear Mr. Hirzel:

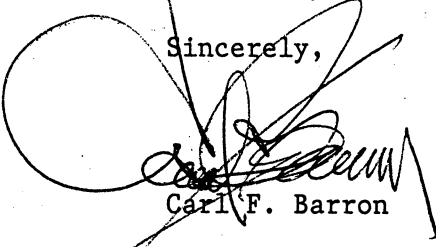
I would like to extend an invitation to you or to your firm to attend a public meeting which will be held under the auspices of my Association on Wednesday, August 12, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., at the Senior Center, 806 Mass. Avenue.

We know that various meeting have been held. On the other hand, from a previous meeting held recently, attended by representatives of the neighborhoods, Central Square property owners, Central Square commercial tenants, city officials, and other members of our Asssocation, it was obvious that there were still a great many questions that were left unanswered to the satisfaction of the various persons present. Our initial meeting (approximately 30 persons present) raised a number of questions which still need to be answered. It also provided an excellent forum for proponents and opponents of the possible siting in Central Square to be heard and may even have changed some points of view. This meeting was purely informative, without any vote being taken. The same situation will hold true at the August 12 meeting and, again, it will be informative only.

I know that your organization has made every effort to produce a top-notch report, and I feel that the information you have compiled would be used to maximum advantage of all parties if said data was made available on this occasion.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

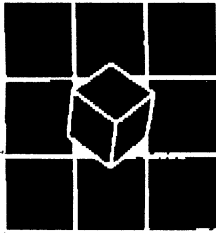
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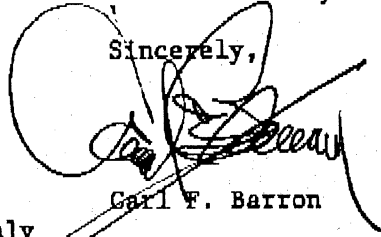
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A communication was received from Carl F. Barron, Central Square Business Association, transmitting a letter regarding the possible new location of Cambridge Public Library in Central Square.

In City Council July 27, 1998

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