



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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OFFICE OF
THE CITY CLERK

April 28, 1983

Mr. Carl F. Barron, President
Putnam Furniture Leasing
614 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Barron:

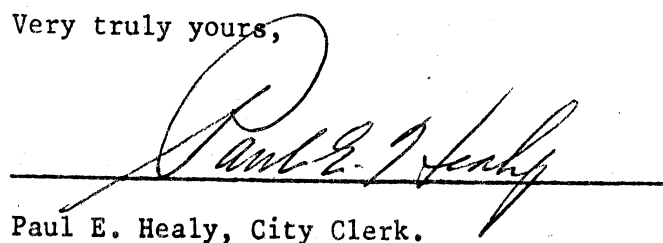
I am writing in response to your correspondence dated April 13, 1983 to the City Council, with regard to your request for a hearing before the Council, to discuss matters pertaining to alcoholic problems and possible solutions to those problems.

Pursuant to your request for a hearing, the City Council has scheduled a public hearing to discuss this matter to be held on Monday, May 9, 1983 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall. Your presence and that of others you feel are concerned will be welcomed at this time.

Notification of the subject matter of the hearing and copies of your communications in this regard are being sent to the offices of Speaker Thomas O'Neill, Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Senator Paul Tsongas.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the City Council. If you have any further questions in this regard, please contact this office at 498-9017.

Very truly yours,



Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



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Senator Paul Tsongas
Russell Street Office Bldg.
Room 342
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tsongas:

Pursuant to the request of the Cambridge City Council, I am transmitting for informational purposes, copies of the enclosed communications addressed to the Council from Mr. Carl F. Barron. In his communications Mr. Barron requests a hearing before the City Council to discuss matters pertaining to the problem of alcoholism and solutions to those problems.

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Enclosures

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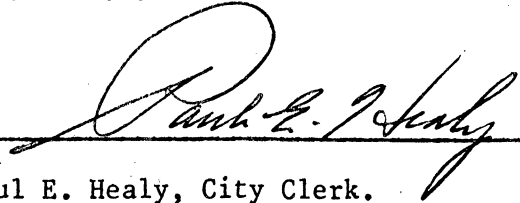
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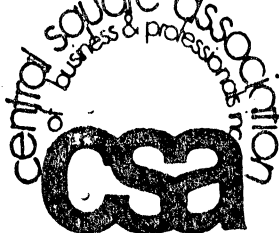
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Dear Mr. Healy:

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In the interim, in order not to lose any time, I respectfully request that you forward to the members of the City Council my suggestion pertaining to the following:

1. Alcoholism is a social disease that is wide-spread. As a result, the problem may be of such magnitude, that, I seriously doubt if the financial resources of the City of Cambridge, alone, would be adequate to provide a satisfactory solution. I am very pleased to note your promptness in furthering an approach to the Governor, as one step of several.
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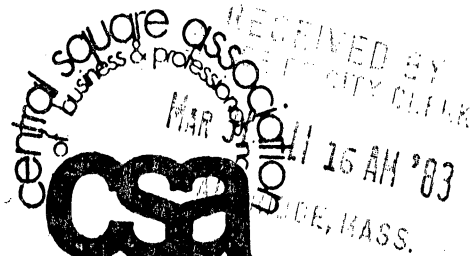
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March 28, 1983

Governor Michael S. Dukakis
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Department
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Dukakis:

On January 27, 1978, you sent me a letter (a photostatic copy of which is attached herewith) concerning your sympathetic views towards providing assistance in solving problems pertaining "alcoholics in the Central Square area, and alcoholism in general". Unfortunately, since receiving your letter, nothing further has been done about this matter, to the best of my knowledge.

Although drugs are more widely publicized, as to their dangers, I believe is a more insidious danger, because it is more widely accepted, socially, privately, and openly. I fully agree that alcoholism should be treated as a sickness, and not as a criminal situation. However, today, the alcoholic, especially the low-income one, is in a very bad situation since, because of his status as being a non-criminal, he is not able to obtain the care and attention, even to basic food and shelter, that many criminals do. I feel that a large number of these people are absolutely unable to make decisions of their own, and that, as a result of the adverse effects of alcohol upon them, mentally, physically, and emotionally, assistance should be provided as a humane move. Furthermore, the general public should be entitled to protection from alcoholics whose very actions are unpredictable. They create, at best, a strong feeling of unease in most people, especially women.

I trust that a solution might be provided in the very near future in the form of "mandatory medical treatment under certain circumstances". I am sure there various state agencies that do, in some fashion or degree, deal with the problems of alcoholism. Unfortunately, I do not know of any situation wherein the police are empowered to do more than pick up an incapacitated person, unconscious, and hold them for only a limited few hours, or, possibly, let them go into a detoxification. The courts have very limited powers, as well. We are talking about someone who cannot help himself, and both of the agencies, the police and the courts are practically helpless to do anything.

I would like to suggest a possible meeting with several responsible members of your administration with a cross section of the Cambridge community, including city government, police department, the clergymen's association,

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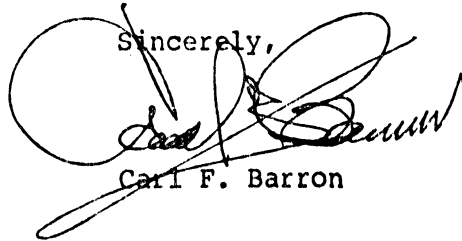
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neighborhood groups, and business groups, as well as Judge Lawrence Feloney (who has had extensive experience in this area) so that something tangible might develop from a presentation of a cross section of the community of their experiences and problems and how they might be solved as pertaining to alcoholism and the treatment of alcoholics.

In the more than 5 years since your letter to me, I have seen an increase in the number of drunks in our community, and I am hopeful that, with your positive attitude of confronting problems squarely, this matter will not be shunted to one side, but will be both discussed and acted upon.

I would be happy to cooperate and know that others would be, as well. May I hear from you relative to this matter in the very near future?

Sincerely,



Carl F. Barron

Enclosure

cc: Cambridge City Council ✓
Chief of Police Anthony Paolillo
Honorable Lawrence E. Feloney
Cambridge City Manager Robert Healy
Rev. Robert Utter
Mr. James C. Caragianes
Board of Directors, Central Square Association
David Hughes, Executive Director, Cambridge Chamber of Commerce
Edward Murphy, Cambridge Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Richard Rossi, Cambridge Deputy City Manager

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Comm. from Carl Barron, Central Square Assoc.
 Re: his appearance before the City Council
 at a public hearing scheduled for Monday,
 May 9, 1983 regarding matters pertaining to
 alcoholism.

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Hearing

April 26, 83

Letters sent to
 Senators and Congressmen
 April 11-

Letter sent to Carl Barron notifying him that
 copies of this communication will be sent
 to Senators Kennedy + Tsongas + Speaker O'Neill.
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In City Council,

April 25, 1983

Referred
 to
 the
 Hearing -
 May 9th at 6 PM