

HELLENIC ORTHODOX COMMUNITY
14 MAGAZINE STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASS

Greek Orthodox Community
14 Magazine Street
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

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Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Members of the Council:

The Greek Orthodox Church of Cambridge hereby wishes to express its opposition to the establishment of an over-night shelter for alcoholics located at 30 Pearl Street by Shelter, Inc., on the grounds that putting such a facility in a residential area is clearly inappropriate and will cause many problems for the residents, particularly our children and the elderly.

Specifically, the objections of the Church and its parishioners are based on the following observations:

The proposed Home lies directly in the path used by children of school age who attend the Webster and Blessed Sacrament Schools, and the children of our church who attend the afternoon Greek School and go home after 5:00 p. m.

Large numbers of elderly from the Elderly Project at 150 Erie Street pass by the site en route to Central Square, and with the opening of the new apartments for the elderly directly accross the street, many elderly in indreasing numbers will also pass by the site on their way to the Blessed Sacrament Church and the other Churches.

There are now several Community Houses in the neighborhood, and many lodging houses now servicing a transient population. We feel that another shelter, no matter how well meant, is an added burden to the people living here, and those who come here to church, school, shopping., etc. We are trying to stabilize the area by improving the quality of life, and we are slowly succeeding, but with another facility such as is proposed, our attempts are jeopardized.

We sincerely hope that you will listen to our appeal, and act in the best interests of the people who live, work, play, and pray here.

Sincerely yours,

+ Very Rev Arthur J. Papadopoulos
Pastor



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