

Thursday, Jan 22, 1998

Dear Members of the Cambridge City Council,

Please take note of the attached flyer prepared recently by members of Save Central Square.

An enormous amount of material - Traffic Study, Sun + Shadow Study, CDD "Retail Analysis" and the Final Recommendations of the 'Central Square Advisory Committee' were ALL! put on the table at the LAST MINUTE! at the very start of the public hearing of the Planning Board on the Holmes proposal on January 13, 1998.

No more oral public comment has been allowed - despite the enormity of this last minute material - and "written comment" has only been allowed until Tuesday, Jan 27!

This is NOT! a responsible way for this proposal to be handled!

There must be ample time to give adequate consideration to all of the important issues raised by these last-minute reports!

Sincerely,

James M. Williamson
17 Perry St. Camb 02139



Save Central Square!



Thank You for Your Continuing Support!

**Stay
Tuned**

What's Happening (1/19/98):

- **Ongoing Community Opposition to the Holmes Proposal.** We had a strong presence at the Tuesday, January 13th meeting of Cambridge Planning Board. Over two hundred members of our community packed the Senior Center to voice our objections to the seven story high-rent complex proposed for the Heart of Central Square. We have already submitted over 3000 signatures on petitions to Stop the Demolition, protect neighborhood businesses, diversity, affordability, and foster community participation in this process. This proposal has already done damage to our community. The Ethiopian Restaurant, Oriental Buffet and Emily Rose have already closed, Golden Donut is on the verge of closing, Irving's is about to move, and the rest are only hanging on by a thread. ☹️
- **Write the Planning Board Now!** The Planning Board will be accepting written comment about the Holmes Proposal until 3 pm on January 27. It is important to submit written comments that show how the Holmes proposal violates the criteria in the "Central Square Action Plan" and "Development Guidelines." Drop off or mail comments to The Planning Board, c/o Community Development Dep't, 57 Inman St., Cambridge, MA 02139.
- **Attend the Planning Board Deliberations.** The Planning Board is meeting on February 3rd and March 3rd to discuss and decide on the Holmes Proposal. The meetings are open to the public! February 3rd, the Board will probably meet to suggest areas requiring further study. To get the exact times and location call the Community Development Department at 349-4600.
- **Upcoming Zoning Board Hearing.** The Holmes proposal needs a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Look for notice about future hearings of the BZA.
- **Saving Central Square.** We meet regularly and continue to organize, mobilize and speak out against the Holmes proposal. We work to protect and foster what we love about Central Square - now and for the future. **For more information call 492.1000.**

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THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

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Consent Communication #15

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Communication Was received from James
Williamson, transmitting his concerns
regarding Save Central Square.

In City Council January 26, 1998
All items carried forward to be a part
of City Council Meeting of
February 2, 1998 on motion of
Councillor Sullivan.

In City Council February 2, 1998

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