



AGASSIZ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
20 Sacramento St. Cambridge MA 02138

(617) 349-6287

December 2, 1992

Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge MA 02139

Dear Mr. Rossi:

I write in regard to the MBTA owned lot at the corner of Garfield St. and Mass. Ave. in the Agassiz neighborhood. There has been concern from residents, business and the Agassiz Community Children's School regarding the MBTA's rental to seasonal sales at that site. The MBTA rents the site and causes unfair competition to our Mass. Ave. businesses as well as the major fund-raiser for the non profit preschool. LP

The MBTA did contact the Chairman of the Christmas Tree Sale at the preschool, who told Mr. Chicone of the Real Estate Department that their rental last year did cut into tree sales, and Mr. Chicone agreed not to rent the space. He called the chairman again later to say that the MBTA wanted to know if they would like to bid for the space. Of course they did not, since their sale is on their premises at 1803 Mass. Ave. He then told them that they would give the space to another bidder.

We are extremely dismayed at the MBTA. When the site was taken over for the substation the MBTA promised the community that they would work with us to find a good use for the site. Now instead of working with the community, the MBTA is competing with our businesses.

I hope there is something the City of Cambridge can do to prevent this kind of unfair competition for the small business people of Mass. Ave. We seek your help in dealing with the MBTA.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Terry DeLancey
Executive Director

cc: ✓ City Councillor Alice Wolf
Nancy Anderson Plantworks

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Consent

December 14, 1992

Councillor Wolf

ORDERED : That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the General Manager of the MBTA with the view in mind of ascertaining the rationale by that quasi-State agency's in the granting of a permit for the sale of Christmas trees at the lot at the corner of Garfield Street and Massachusetts Avenue given the fact that this City Council in previously adopted Orders had requested the denial of such permits.



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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk

Please put in
an order asking
the City Manager
to find out
why the MBTA
did not conform

to the request
of the City
Council on this
matter. (Find
previous order
and refer to it)



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Murray
McEvoy
F-506
CONSENT ORDER #40

Councilor Wolf re: Lot at the corner of
Garfield Street and Mass. Avenue which
is selling Christmas trees.

In City Council,

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Order Adopted