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Henrietta Davis
City Councillor

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February 27, 2001

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Margaret:

Attached you will find a petition that I request be placed on Communications from City Officers.

Sincerely yours,

Henrietta Davis
City Councillor

**Communications & Reports from
City Officers #2**

A communication was received
from Councilor Henrietta Davis,
regarding a communication from
John Shipley et al, regarding
a seeking resolution of
issues to pedestrian accessibility
in Central Square Plaza.

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PETITION
SEEKING RESOLUTION OF
OBSTACLES TO
PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBILITY
AND USAGE
IN
CENTRAL SQUARE PLAZA

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TO THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Recognizing that, especially on week days, the plaza in Central Square that is located in front of the Holmes Trust building on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Western Avenue, and adjacent to the MBTA bus stop, **serves principally as the route of thousands of daily commuters, who crisscross the plaza enroute to one of several public transportation options available in Central Square,** and

recognizing as well that the route of shoppers going from one Central Square business establishment to another is also through this plaza; and

observing that the current design of the plaza, while esthetically pleasing, is not conducive to pedestrian traffic; and

recognizing that the plaza serves as a hangout for indigents and pigeons, thus adding to the difficulty of traversing the plaza; and

observing that there ^{are} numerous utility boxes, two public telephone clusters, at least eight (8) newspaper dispensers, and various utility poles, and

recognizing that the brick plaza ground surface conditions are unevenly laid to the point that, with any amount of precipitation, many large and unnavigable puddles appear, and

in general, observing that the plaza is not designed for the use of the thousands of pedestrians who need to traverse the plaza in order to get to public transportation or shopping destinations,

WE, the undersigned, request that you instruct the appropriate City departments to review the problems with the current design of the plaza, to research viable and economical remedies, and to meet with a representative or representatives of the undersigned for citizen review and recommendations.

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Name

Address

Signature

1.	M. CAROLYN SHIPLEY	15 Laurel St.	Carolyn Shipley
2.	Blosser, W. Blosser	6 Laurel St	Blosser
3.	Joan Fruthoff	74 Pleasant St.	J Fruthoff
4.	Q Marsh C. MARSH	16 Laurel St.	C Marsh
5.	Mykol Larrie	14 Laurel Street	Mykol Larrie
6.	Kazuo Takahashi	12 Laurel Street	Kazuo Takahashi
7.	CHARLES D. YANG	9 LAUREL STREET	Charles D. Yang
8.	L LOUIS COHEN	6 Laurel Street	L Louis Cohen
9.	PAUL GREGORY	18 LAUREL ST	Paul Gregory
10.	Michael Frutkoff	74 Pleasant St	Michael Frutkoff
11.	Hugh Mac Neil	16 Laurel St	Hugh Mac Neil
12.	Colan NGUYEN	9 Laurel St	Colan Nguyen
13.	P SHIPLEY	15 LAUREL ST	P Shipley
	Charb Maurer	18 Laurel St.	Charb Maurer
	Jackie handau	950 Mass Ave Apt 4	Jackie handau

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**Communications & Reports from
Other City Officers #2**

A communication was received
from Councillor Henrietta Davis,
transmitting a communication from
M. Carolyn Shipley et al, regarding
a petition seeking resolution of
obstacles to pedestrian accessibility
and usage in Central Square Plaza.

In City Council April 2, 2001

Referred to Neighborhood
and Long Term Planning
and Economic Development
Training and Employment
Joint Public Meeting for
May 10, 2001 and
referred to City Manager
for a report back from
Traffic, Parking and
Transportation Department
on motion of Councillor
Davis.

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