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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL:

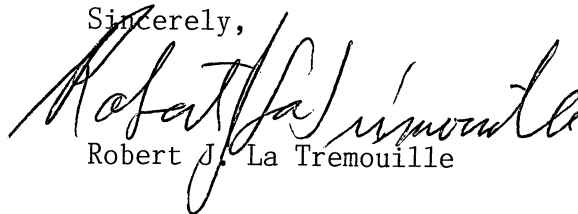
Last night, Vice-Mayor Vellucci charter-righted an allocation of moneys paid to the city by an East Cambridge developer which sounded like Unihab. They were paying the city for an increase in the floor space of their building as the result of an "open space bonus" granted, according to the city manager, because the development fronted on a city park and was in a P.U.D. zone.

The planning board, last year, submitted a zoning proposal which would have given it the power to make such gifts to developers. The planning board was defeated by the city council. I opposed the proposal, stating the benefits "obtained" by prohibiting such bonuses in base zoning districts would be far outwayed by allowing them in P.U.D.'s. This was the trade-off offered. It would have hurt East Cambridge and North Cambridge. The independents voted in a block against the CCA who supported the change.

This situation is similar to the illegal variances granted to 871 Mass. Ave. which were supported by the planning board and instigated by planning department staff. The city council voted to sue over these because it amounted to the planning board and board of zoning appeal implementing zoning on Massachusetts Avenue which had been rejected by the city council.

It is time that the city manager established a respect for the law in his agencies and employees. It is time that the city manager persuaded his employees to respect the zoning decisions of the city council. It is appropriate for the city council to expect such behavior from the city manager.

Sincerely,



Robert J. La Tremouille

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stating that various City departments should
respect zoning decisions made by the City
Council.

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