

Cardullo's Gourmet Shoppe



THE NOISE

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The City Council Office
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Dear Council Member,

I've got a headache and it's only April!!

Not only that, I am already having a big problem with the NOISE from the street musicians in Harvard Square. There is nothing artistic about music that is too loud! Now, combine this with the amplified noise of several of these "artistic" groups all trying to outdo the other and we have cacophony that is intolerable!

The situation might be better for a passing pedestrian who can quickly escape (or choose to listen) but the merchants have no such escape mechanism. On both Saturday and Sunday my staff and my customers were both subjected to noise beyond reason. **THERE IS NO NEED TO ALLOW AMPLIFIED MUSIC IN HARVARD SQUARE!!!!** The committee that is supposed to police them doesn't. The police don't monitor them. No one to my knowledge has ever shown up with a db meter to monitor noise levels.

I am sick and tired of the rhetoric that is supposed to placate but accomplishes nothing. It's time for action. If there is no action then I shall consider taking matters into my own hands with a pair of wire cutters. If caught, I will claim INSANITY and I will be able to prove my case. There is enough noise and confusion in the square, normally, to drive one insane without adding to it.

There needs to be more consideration of the merchants who are paying the rents here in the square (and the taxes). The street musicians contribute NOTHING financially. The ambiance created by their presence would be just as nice, if not nicer, without amplification.

In case someone would like to suggest that I close my doors, which would block out some of the noise, let me just say that it cost approximately \$50.00 a day to run air conditioning in the store (so much for energy conservation having to run air conditioning in April) not to mention that a closed door is less inviting to a customer.

It is time for the Harvard Square community to take a united stand in this matter and see to it that the agencies involved listen. **THERE IS NO NEED FOR AMPLIFIED STREET MUSIC IN HARVARD SQUARE.**

Sincerely

Frank R. Cardullo

Consent Communication # 5

Comm. from Frank R. Cardullo, Cardullo's
Gourmet Shoppe, in opposition to the
amplified music in Harvard Square.

In City Council,

May 16, 1994

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