

To: The City Council

From: Frances Wirta

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Re: Siting of new main Library

Dear Councillors:

Now that the time has come to decide the site of the new main library, there are, in my opinion, two main questions:

- 1) Which location would best serve the needs and education of all the citizens of Cambridge?
- 2) Which location would be able to allow for the necessary expansion and development for the next hundred years?

The Prospect Street site is served by all transportation lines in Cambridge. The Prospect Street site has the necessary large square footage for future library expansion; for all the variety of possible cultural and educational additions.

The Broadway library could remain a small branch with the additional space allocated to the high school students for

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cultural programs, and any kinds of extended educational projects growing out of classroom study.

Thus the Broadway Library building could be a part of the high school program as well as a small branch for neighborhood citizens.

With a Prospect Street main library, all of Cambridge residents would be served, including our high school students, who would also have access to programs for them in the Broadway Branch.

If there were to be a new main library on Broadway, only the same select portion of our residents would continue to visit, with their parking facilities still limited.

Councillors, this is a momentous decision for the next 100 years. Please consider the needs and education of all Cambridgeians.

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Consent Communication #1

A communication was received
from Frances J. Wirta,
transmitting concerns regarding
the siting of the new main library.

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