

12 Brownbridge St
Cambridge Mass
12/22/69

To the Honorable City Council
and managers

Dear Sirs:

May I make a suggestion
to your Honorable Body, if possible,
to avail yourselves of the expert
knowledge, wisdom + kindness of
Dr. Dana Farnsworth of Harvard
University, relative to the problem
of drugs among our youth + their
elders.

I was privileged to hear the
Doctor December 14th at the
Ford Hall Forum + what was
offered the audience was eye-
opening + not often heard.
It was pointed out that the
youth, the youngsters + the not
so young have learned the
drug habit from the parents

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and elders. That far too many Doctors treat their patients on the theory that for each symptom there is a certain pill + that all should be well.

That too many elders live on pills + drugs often to the exclusion of a proper food intake.

That not harsh penitential treatment is the answer to the drug problem but rather kind patient treatment pointed to the root cause - emotional or whatever to be administered by good kind patient workers.

Who will deny that good patient dedicated workers or, perhaps, even psychiatrists are not available in ample numbers + this goes for social workers - so-called.

To the question - was I wrong when I urged elders loaded

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down with drugs + pills not to
use such, Dr Farnsworth
answered - "You are right -"
I wish more would do likewise

After all, drugs + pills are costly
+ add to our welfare costs +
in these days when tax rates are
rising at an alarming pace -
is it not vital that we help
wipe out the idea of pills upon
pills being administered, very
often adding to the ills +
continued ill health of our
young + old.

Very truly yours,

Miriam H Kramet

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To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

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PETITION

COMMUNICATION

~~Of~~ from Miriam H. Kramer,
12 Trowbridge St., Cambridge

~~for~~ relative to the drug problem.

No. among our youth and their elders.

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Referred to the Committee on

Attest:

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Paul E. Healy
Temp. City Clerk.

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