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Honorable Members of
The Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Council
City Hall
795 Mass. Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: POSSIBLE LIBRARY SITE IN CENTRAL SQUARE

This letter is intended to be informational concerning the meeting sponsored by my Association on August 12, 1998, and open to the public, containing input as to the opinions of those who would be most directly affected by having the new proposed Cambridge library located in Central Square.

I was extremely gratified that four members of the Cambridge City Council; Mayor Duehay, and Councillors Born, Davis and Toomey appeared, and I received messages from Councillors Anthony Galluccio and Russell. Obviously, there is substantial amount of interest on this subject within your august body.

The Cambridge City Manager, Richard Rossi and David Hirzel of Sasaki Associates were both invited and both attended and both spoke. They provided a great deal of information to the audience of 60-75 persons during that peak time.

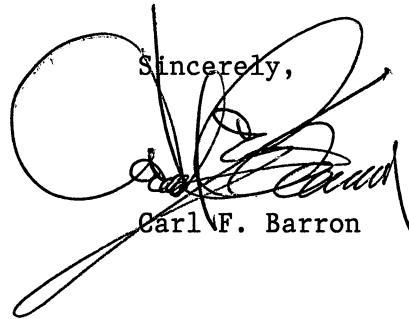
Every person in the audience had the opportunity to speak. It was an extremely pleasant procedure, and I was surprised and delighted that opinions presented, ranging from one extreme to the other, or so we thought, were delivered in a considered and courteous manner. By the time the meeting ended, there was no question about the fact that the vast majority of people present, regardless of any labels that might be given to them, were genuinely interested in the matter, presented themselves in a most decent fashion, and, were almost unanimous in wanting to have the library located in Central Square. Most expressed strong feelings against displacing any existing place of business but united on the possibility of having either the Post Office site (No. 1 location) or the corner of Bishop Allen Drive and Prospect Street as the alternative location. In such a case, public transportation, facilities would be able to serve the entire city and Central Square is located in the heart of the city, itself.

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I wish to thank all of the members of the Council who personally appeared or who contacted me to express their interest. In return, I felt that the entire City Council might be interested in what transpired. Personally, may I add that my chairing of this event was one of the easiest tasks I have performed in this area, since I had absolutely no interruption, unpleasantness, and to my pleased surprise, received a round of applause from those who attended.

My best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl F. Barron', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'. The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial 'C'.

Carl F. Barron

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