

GERALD HIRSHBERG  
14 REMINGTON STREET  
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

TEL TROWBRIDGE 6-8660

May 8, 1957.

City of Cambridge.  
City Council.  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

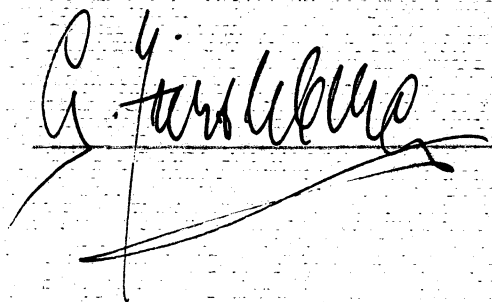
Referring to the removal of both bus-stops

Mass.Avenue corner Remington Street

in Cambridge some days ago may I take the liberty to point out the hardship and inconvenience not only for me, but for so many elderly folks living in the vicinity of Harvard Street and Remington Street. There are among other passengers a blind as well as an amputated woman in the houses next to mine who have to go by bus to their daily job; there are also patients and visitors of the convalescent home of St. Mary. It is now a considerable distance to walk to the next bus-stop running to Mass. station and the distance between this one opposite the Gulf gas station and the next one in the direction to Mass. station is unusually great.

I would appreciate very much, if you would reconsider your latest decision.

Sincerely yours



Cambridge,.....19

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

The undersigned respectfully pray

Communicated  
**PETITION**  
From

of Gerald Hirschberg  
14 Remington St

for Protesting against the removal  
of both Bee Stop on Mass. Ave

No. Corner of Remington St

May 9 1957

In City Council, SEP 9 1957

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Frederick H. Burke  
City Clerk

In City Council, MAY 13 1957 19

Referred to the Committee on  
Public Service

Attest:  
Frederick H. Burke  
City Clerk

10 Remington str Cambridge May 7/57

Cambridge City Planning Board

57 Inman St Cambridge

Mr Mark Fortune-

Dear Sir:

Want to make a complaint about the new bus stop and am sure you must have had many complaints similar to mine. Perhaps you don't realize what a long distance it is between stopping at the Gas Station or going to Trobridge St. especially when you have packages to carry and the weather isnt good. My husband has been sick for some time and I am compelled to go to Harvard Square for many things and have always been thankful there was a bus stop at Remington str, as I am not very young myself and not able to do much walking. Won't you please look into this matter and see if you cannot restore the bus stop at Remington str as it has been for years. We have lived here over 20 yrs and never had to complain before, but this seems to me to call for an investigation as to why such a thing was done. We have no car and many people here have none either and have to rely on the bus solely.

Your kind and prompt attention to this and your early reply will greatly oblige, Respectfully,

*Mrs John K. Bedford*

We have no phone or I would call you up instead of writing.

Cambridge, ..... 19

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

The undersigned respectfully pray

Communication

**PETITION**

*From*

of *Mr. John K. Bradford*  
*10 Remington St. Cambridge*  
for  *protesting against the change*  
 *of Bus Stop on Mass. Rte. 28*  
No.  *Remington St.*

*May 10* 19: *57*

In City Council SEP 9 1957

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*Frederick H. Burke*  
City Clerk

In City Council, MAY 13 1957 19:

Referred to the Committee on  
*Public Service*

Attest:

*Frederick H. Burke*  
City Clerk.

10 REMINGTON STREET  
SUITE 209  
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASS.

May 7, 1957.

Mr. Mark Fortune,  
Cambridge City Planning Board,  
57 Inman St., Cambridge, Mass.

Dear sir:

Re. abolishment of the M.T.A. stop at Remington St., I wrote to Mr. Carney of the M.T.A. about this matter and his representative, Mr. Harbour called me a few minutes ago and told me that the stop was abandoned at the request of the city of Cambridge along with changing other stops.

The distance now between stops from Harvard Sq. going to Central is all out of reason if the convenience of the public in this area is of any consequence to anyone responsible for this change. If you know the area - and this point should be known by everybody concerned - there is now no stop between the corner of Arrow St. and around the circle at Putnam Sq. almost to Shea's cleaning establishment, going from Harvard to Central Sq.

I have lived here 15 years and travel the M.T.A. every day not at rush hours and practically never have gotten on or off the bus at our Remington St. stop as the only rider. During rush hours it is a very busy stop as my windows are so situated that I see both sides of Mass. Ave. at this point very clearly.

This change is an enormous inconvenience to the many regular riders in the big apartment house besides those from Harvard St., Ware St. and Mass. Ave. and others in the area. Few of these people

10 REMINGTON STREET  
SUITE 209  
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASS.

own cars and the cars crowding Remington St. are many of them from outside this area. I mentioned inconvenience, and now I will tell you that in some cases it is a very serious situation. An elderly woman who has lived in this apartment house for years has a very chronically ill husband and she goes to Harvard Sq. by bus every day shopping for necessities. This change has reduced to nil her use of the M.T.A. and she is unable to walk that far, especially returning with bundles, and now she either has to get off at Arrow St. or walk back all that distance around the Putnam Sq. circle. Until the change a blind woman used this stop regularly every morning. As you know, late at night the streets of Cambridge CAN be downright dangerous for a woman alone to walk any distance and there are many women in this area who work at night, and also the rest of us are often out at night for either business or pleasure. The Remington St. corner is well lighted and was quite safe at night when the stop was here for returning riders.

Since the change we have had fine weather, but you can imagine how bad it will be in heavy rains and sleet and snow. There are many single women and widows besides elderly men and women both who live in this big triple apartment house, who used this stop regularly, including three from my own apartment.

Mr. Carney's representative told me that there is going to be a further meeting between the M.T.A. and the Cambridge authorities responsible for this change and he recommended that I explain what a long

10 REMINGTON STREET  
SUITE 209  
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASS.

distance between stops this change has made - he said so himself - and what downright hardships this is causing everybody in the area.

It has been carefully explained to me that the bus stopping where it stalls traffic on side streets is an object in making these changes, and so it may be in some cases but going from Harvard to Central there is no corner at Remington St. and if the crosswalk regulation on this side were enforced, there would be no interference because the stop as posted was not at the corner but in front of the second apartment house. Anywhere you go in Cambridge you see cars parked indefinitely on crosswalks and apparently the M.T.A. riders have to unjustly suffer for this. There is no more dangerous crosswalk in Cambridge than at Arrow St. because they swoop down around the corner from Harvard Sq. to go to the parkway and a pedestrian takes his life in his hands literally crossing there, as they also swoop down the hill from around the circle. Yet they have changed the bus stop from in front of Longfellow Apts. back to the corner of Arrow St. Does this make sense?

I called Mr. Curry's office and they said they had nothing to do with this change but I explained the situation to Mrs. Ryan, his secretary, and if the matter comes before him he will know the story as she took what I said down in shorthand to relay to him.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Mabelle T. Littlefield

Cambridge,.....19

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

The undersigned respectfully pray

*Communicated*

**PETITION**

*For*

of *Mrs Mabelle T. Littlefield*  
*10 Remington St. Cambridge*  
for *protesting against the change*  
*of Bus Stop at 11 use be at*  
No. *Remington St.*

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*Frederick H. Burke*  
City Clerk

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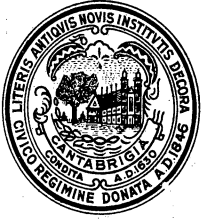
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*Public Service*

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*Frederick H. Burke*

City Clerk.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS  
P L A N N I N G   B O A R D  
CITY HALL ANNEX, 57 INMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE 39

May 13, 1957

To the Honorable, the City Council

ATTENTION: Mr. Frederick H. Burke, City Clerk

I am referring to your honorable body three additional letters written to the Planning Board concerning the relocation of a bus stop on Massachusetts Avenue at Remington Street which I understand was acted upon by the City Council.

Respectfully,

*Mark Fortune*

Mark Fortune  
Planning Director

MF:fm  
Enclosures (3)

14 REMINGTON STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

May 9 - 1957.

Mr. Mark Fortune

Cambridge City Planning Board  
57 Innan St - Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir,

Why cancel the REMINGTON STREET bus stops? I understand the stops have been there for fifty years. It is making a great hardship on workers, shoppers and elderly persons.

Your good attention in the matter will be appreciated.

Yours very truly  
Lucille P. Carter  
Florence M. Butler

Cambridge,.....19

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

The undersigned respectfully pray

Communicator  
**PETITION**  
*Four*

of *Lucille P. Carter*  
*14 Remington St. Cambridge*  
for *Protesting against the*  
*changing of the bus stop at the*  
No *Corner of Mass. St. & Remington St.*  
*May 15* 19*57*

In City Council. SEP 9 1957

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*Frederick H. Burke*  
City Clerk

In City Council, MAY 20 1957 1957

Referred to the Committee on  
*Public Service*

Attest: *Frederick H. Burke*  
City Clerk

Mr. Mark Fortune

Cambridge City Planning Board

Dear Sir I have been a resident in Remington Street Cambridge, Mass. for thirty years, using the same bus stop at the Cor. of Remington & Mass. Ave. Now without any notice the stop has been changed.

No doubt as a member of the Cambridge Planning Board, you are thoroughly familiar with this change.

I am a working woman, and on duty many nights very late and this change necessitates taking a cab - which is an extra expense - from Harvard Sq. to Remington St.

You no doubt must realize the very many unpleasant things happening to women on the streets at night, regardless of age.

Now I am appealing to you for help and your consideration in this very unfortunate situation - not only for myself, but many people not living on Remington St. alone, coming down from Harvard St. to use this stop. As this has been a bus stop for at least fifty years, this should be some recommendation in itself.

Very sincerely

Lawrence M. Macaulay

May 5, 1957

Cambridge,.....19

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

The undersigned respectfully pray

Communication

**PETITION**

*Favor*

of Lawretta M. Macaulay

12 Remington St. Cambridge

for protesting against the changing

of Bus Stop at Cor. of Mass. St.

No. and Remington St.

May 15 1957

SEP 19 1957

In City Council

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Frederick H. Burke  
City Clerk

In City Council, MAY 20 1957 1957

Referred to the Committee on

Public Service

Attest: Frederick H. Burke

City Clerk.

HELENE G. JAQUITH

12 REMINGTON ST. CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

May 4, 1957

Mr. Mark Fortune  
Cambridge City Planning Board  
57 Inman Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:-

I wish to make a protest in regard to the discontinuation of a bus stop at Remington Street, particularly the side going to Central Square, Cambridge. The discontinuance of this stop necessitates people from apartment houses in this area going either to Putnam Square or Bow Street - above Longfellow Court. To make it more difficult, this last stop has been moved nearer Harvard Square. There are a great many elderly people living in this apartment house area and the circle at Putnam Square is a dangerous place to cross, as well as an unpleasant neighborhood at night - while the Bow Street stop is too great a distance. We have lived in the same apartment house for 35 years and the stop has never been changed, so it must have been satisfactory over the years.

I would appreciate you giving your personal attention to this matter as the discontinuation of the Remington Street bus stop is causing a great deal of hardship to many people.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Helene G. Jaquith

Cambridge, ..... 19

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

The undersigned respectfully pray

Communicated

**PETITION**

From

MISS  
of Helene G. Gagnith  
12 Remington St. Cambridge  
for Protesting the discontinuance  
of a Bus Stop at Mass. Ave and  
No. Remington St. particularly the side  
going to Central Square.

May 15, 1957

In City Council SEP 9 1957

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Frederick H. Burke  
City Clerk

In City Council, **MAY 20 1957** 19:

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City Clerk.

# City of Cambridge

In City Council.....September 9, 1957.....

The

Committee

on Public Service

to which was referred sundry (6) communications relative to changes in Bus stops.

## Reports,

Recommending that the following be placed on file:-

1. Communication from Gerald Hirshberg, relative to Bus stop, Remington Street.
2. Communication from Mrs. J.K. Bradford " " " "
3. Communication from Mrs. M.T. Littlefield " " " "
4. Communication from Lucille P. Carter " " " "
5. Communication from Lawretta Macauley " " " "
6. Communication from Helene G. Jaquith " " Central Square.

  
For the Committee.

**REPORT**

**Committee on**

*Public Service*

*File ready (6) committees  
rel. to charge - Bus stops.*

*Sept. 9, 1957*