

1572 Mass. Ave., #51
Cambridge, MA 02138
27 June 1981

To the Cambridge City Council:

Last Thursday I attended a meeting of the Cambridge Historical Commission, at which it was recommended that the Francis-Allyn House, at 1564 Mass. Ave., be designated a Landmark. I'm writing to support that recommendation, for several reasons:

- The historical and architectural significance of the house are well-documented.
- The aesthetic value of the house is undeniably superior to a high-rise building.
- The house contains five rental units... need I say more in this apartment-starved city?

The attorney for the owner of the house contended that these efforts to save it from demolition are only a last-ditch attempt by the people in the adjoining buildings to

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save their own property values. I disagree. Most of the people who walk past the Francis-Allyn House daily - and enjoy it - were surprised and angry to learn of its' proposed demolition. More than 1500 of them have petitioned that the house be saved.

Please, listen to us!

Sincerely,
Nancianne Doyle



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

Comm. from Nancianne Doyel in support of
designating the Francis-Allyn house at 1564
Mass. Ave. as a Historical Landmark.

In City Council,

June 29, 1981

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