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September 28, 1990

Honorable Members of the Cambridge City Council

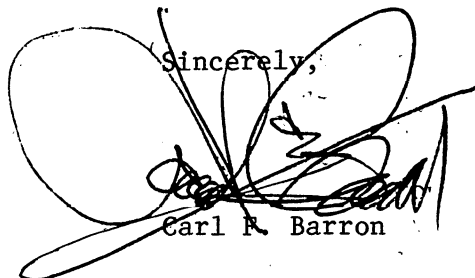
RE: Hearing On October 15, 1990, to Adjust Opening Hours of
Liquor Establishments

On behalf of my Association, please record us as being in favor of the change of the opening hours of package liquor hours, in the Central Square area, from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.

I feel that a great deal of supportive testimony has been provided to the City Council in the form of personal presentations, at the City Council meeting on September 10, 1990, plus other communications, to clearly convey the fact that the Central Square area is in dire need of any measure that would improve the quality of life here for all of our neighbors, employees, and employers. We attribute a great deal of our problems to ability to obtain intoxicating alcoholic liquors, beginning at 8 a.m., which, in turn, attracts substantial numbers of the alcoholics, who seek a daily supply of alcohol at hours beginning as early as 6:30 a.m., and who remain in Central Square all day long, to the terror, and the economic detriment of all here.

On a trial basis of 90 days, the shortening of 3 hours, still leaving, on an average, more than 12 hours per day for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages, should create no great hardship for any local business establishment. If the prosperity of the area depended upon the local neighbors is to be taken into consideration, we have thousands of people who need this relief, in contrast to the 200 or 300 alcoholics, who are certainly no asset. We definitely believe that the social problem on the part of a few should be provided with relief in other ways, and that this entire Square should be given the opportunity to try to alleviate the situation, by changing the hours of the stores, as outlined in the proposed, revised store hours.

Sincerely,



Carl F. Barron

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Comm. from Carl F. Barron, Central Square
Business Association, expressing support
for the change in the opening hours of
package liquor stores.

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