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September 23, 1943.

To the Honorable
the Cambridge City Council.

Sirs:

Some few years ago the Cambridge School Committee, in spite of strenuous opposition on my part, voted to abandon and turn back to the city the Taylor School located at the corner of Charles and Third Streets in East Cambridge.

Subsequently the city decided to demolish the building and as I felt (and still feel) that this building served a vital need, not only as an educational institution but more particularly as a recreational center, I submitted a motion which was unanimously adopted by the School Committee requesting that the city utilize the grounds of this school as a playground and mother's rest. Your Honorable Body has not as yet seen fit to carry out the intent of my request.

After demolition the grounds were left in a very dangerous condition and at my request the City Manager graciously saw to it that the hazards, at least, were rectified although the grounds are still not suited as a playground.

Now I again earnestly petition your Honorable Body to take immediate steps towards the erection of a playground on the site of the old Taylor School. As a life-long resident of this neighborhood I can assure you that it is most urgently needed. This is a heavy populated district and the nearest playground is too great a distance for these youngsters to travel.

And I further petition your Honorable Body to take cognizance of the fact that a young American boy of Portuguese extraction from this district has paid the supreme sacrifice in order that just such facilities as these may be kept safe for our youth. Anthony Costa, United States Marine Corps gave his life on the field of battle in defense of his country. What more fitting tribute than that a playground in this district, so thickly populated by Americans of Portuguese extraction, be named in honor of this brave young Portuguese American boy.

Very truly yours,

James F. Fitzgerald
JAMES F. FITZGERALD
Member of the Cambridge School Committee

Cambridge, 194

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

The undersigned respectfully pray

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to file it up.*

Communication
From
PETITION

of James F. Fitzgerald
Member of School Committee
for the erection of a playground
on site of old Taylor School to
be named in honor of a local
neighborhood boy, Anthony Carter, who
lost his life in World War II 194

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In City Council, **SEP 27 1943** 194
Referred to the Committee on

Public Service

Attest:

Frederick H. Burke

City Clerk.

In City Council OCT 8 1945

No action necessary

Frederick H. Burke

City Clerk

City of Cambridge

October 8, 1945

In City Council.....

The

Committee on Public Service

was referred a communication from James F. Fitzgerald
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for the creation of a playground on site of the Old Taylor
School to be named in honor of a neighborhood boy who lost
his life in World War II

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Reports, ^{Recommending no action}

For the Committee

Francis Weston Jr.

REPORT

Committee on Public Service

Recommending no action necessary on
communication of James F. Fitzgerald
relative to the old Taylor School

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October 8, 1945

Report received and
recommendation ADOPTED.

Attest: *Fredrick H. Burke*

City Clerk

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