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February 23, 1971

The Honorable Alfred E. Vellucci
The Honorable, the City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

Several weeks ago the Planning Board witnessed the presentation of a Massachusetts Avenue Study by Mr. Louis Bakanowsky of Cambridge Seven Associates. The study concentrated on that rapidly changing section of Massachusetts Avenue between Harvard and Central Squares, and examined the direction which development is taking and what public actions could be taken to insure the maximization of economic and aesthetic values.

I found the presentation to be both timely and highly relevant and feel that you and the other members of the City Council would react similarly. The Massachusetts Avenue strip between the Squares is currently under intense development pressure; it is evident that this area will soon become a major component of the City's tax base. Within the past year two major zoning amendment petitions have been approved along the strip (MIT at Bay Street and Scheherazade Realty) and two others, by Carl Barron and Componoform, Inc.) are pending. Several large structures are under construction or completed and others are planned. In view of the current level of activity and the immense long run potential of the strip the Planning Board feels it is imperative that the City closely examine its position on development of this area.

Consequently I request the opportunity to arrange for Mr. Bakanowsky to present his material during a City Council meeting. The presentation, in slide show format, should not take longer than one-half hour. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Helwig of the Department of Planning and Development staff.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Parris

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Chairman

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Communication from Arthur C. Parris,
Chairman, Cambridge Planning Board
relative to presentation of a Massachu-
setts Avenue Study by Mr. Louis Bakanowsky
of Cambridge Seven Associates.

March 1, 1971

Hearing set for March 8, 1971
at 8:00 P. M.

Hearing - March 15, 1971 at
8:00 P. M.