

City of Cambridge

KENNEDY LIBRARY

Dear Editor, Chronicle:

With all due respect to our late President John F. Kennedy, I must speak out strongly against the Kennedy Museum and Memorial which appears now to be a fait accompli.

The Kennedy Library would include the Presidential papers which are of great historical importance. Cambridge should welcome such a collection for important scholarly review. However, any Presidential museum located in the Harvard Square area on the surface may appear to be a fitting tribute to our late President, but below the surface lie many hidden environmental and financial hardships to the already overburdened Cambridge Taxpayer. The Kennedy Library Corporation should seriously reconsider its plans for the Museum and Memorial at this time and consider building only the Library in Cambridge, as a living tribute to the late President.

At a recent Cambridge meeting to discuss the proposed complex, it was quite apparent that my sentiments and similar ones were shared by many concerned Cantabrigians.

Senator Kennedy recently voiced strong objection to a Hyannis development next to the Kennedy Compound. I hope Senator Kennedy and the Kennedy Library Corporation will keep this in mind in reviewing the needs and wishes of the Cambridge people. If the people's wishes are not met, then the Cambridge City Council should be urged very strongly to deny any curb cuts, parking facility funds, or to block the entire project as a last resort.

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