

Save Our Neighborhood

June 16, 1994

Cambridge City Council
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I trust it is evident to you all from last Monday's hearing that the neighborhood is united on the Hospital expansion issue. The great comraderie and unanimity among MCNA and SON members and unaffiliated neighbors was too obvious to be missed.

Unless the conditions of the June 1994 Community Resolve, and the last 3 points in particular, are met, there will be no Hospital agreement with the neighborhood--despite all the trumpeting of the last 2 years.

The Hospital already knows this in the case of SON. The hearing demonstrated that this position is not SON's alone.

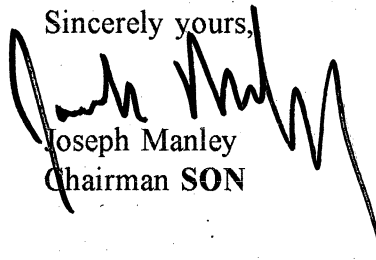
If the Council gives the Hospital all it wants--including Camelia Avenue--you will in effect tell the entire neighborhood to go to hell. There is no having it both ways this time. No amount of "spin" or meaningless promises will alter that fact. There will be all the attendant consequences--political, regulatory, and legal.

It would be a shame, because most neighbors would be prepared to give the Hospital most of the loaf, but not all. The difference for us is everything--the Camelia takeover and the excessive size threaten the entire future of this residential neighborhood.

The difference is not so great for the Hospital, given that the alternative is a potent cocktail of both financial and now legal risks that could gravely alter its future. It is unfortunate that it has always insisted on building to the legal maximum and beyond. It is therefore possible for the Hospital to lose the entire project, and its future, simply because it refuses to deal.

We hope your statesmanship will enable you to find a better solution than the Hospital is offering.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph Manley
Chairman SON

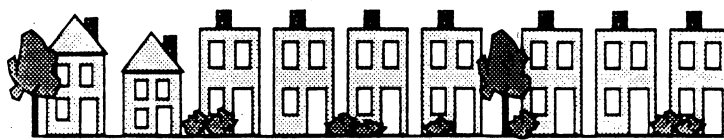
cc: City Clerk

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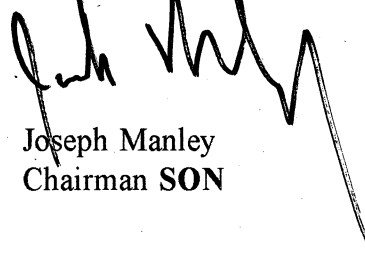
Ms. Margaret Drury
Cambridge City Clerk
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Drury:

I hereby request that the enclosed letter to the City Council be incorporated into the permanent records of the Cambridge City Council.

As always, we appreciate your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph Manley
Chairman SON

Attachments

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Consent Comm. # 16

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Comm. from Joseph Manley, Chairman, Save
Our Neighborhood, regarding the hospital
expansion issue.

In City Council,

June 27, 1994

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