

67 Highland Avenue, Apartment 2
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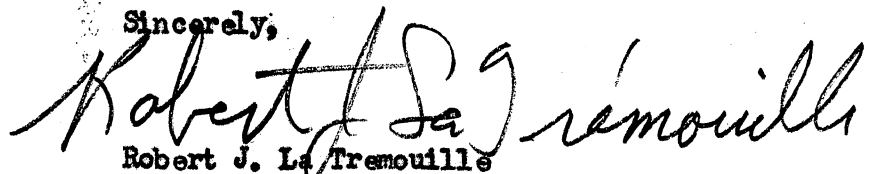
People:

I understand that, many months after the announcement of a proposal for a negative setback on Cambridge Street as part of the High School project, the City Manager has finally come to the council for specific permission. It was considerate of Councillor Sullivan to charter right this proposal to permit some community input.

This negative setback, according to my longstanding figures, provided by the architect, will be constructed over $10\frac{1}{2}$ feet of the existing 12 foot sidewalk for a distance of 92 feet. My figures indicate that the wall hanging over Cambridge Street will commence fifteen feet above the sidewalk and extend to a height of 45 feet. This creates, effectively, an incredible bulk of 28,980 ($10.5 \times 30 \times 92$) cubic feet in air rights over a public sidewalk in a residential neighborhood. No developer other than the city would have the nerve to propose such a monstrosity, but no developer, other than the city, would have the nerve to propose to destroy the best park in the most landpoor neighborhood, and the only park on Cambridge Street, when the same exact buildings could be put on the present site of High and Latin.

The appropriate question with regard to this negative setback would be "Have you no shame?", but considering the damage already proposed for Cambridge Street, the answer is obvious.

Sincerely,


Robert J. La Tremouille

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