

April 16, 1974

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Cambridge Veterans Organization of the City of Cambridge and myself, may I strongly urge the building of both the Kennedy Library and Museum in our City, with particular emphasis on the Museum that I believe will be so important to our children.

Moreover, it is the proven consensus that the vast majority of the families and friends of the veterans, numbering over forty thousand people endorse this stand.

The fragile issues of parking and environment are not real issues. The true issue is whether or not the children of our communities are to be denied the opportunity to visit and enjoy the museum and all that it will portray in the life and principles of our beloved President.

President John Kennedy was devoted and dedicated to Cambridge. He loved our City and its people and it was mutually shared in return.

He and his beloved brother, Senator Robert Kennedy were assassinated because they spoke out against the injustices to the blacks, the poor and the other disadvantaged minorities of our Country.

Since he was so closely identified with Cambridge and its people we feel that we should be identified with his hopes, his visions, his sadness, his triumphs, and his dreams for a better America and world which began in this City.

It is sheer nonsense to say that this complex is not wanted or needed in Cambridge--on the contrary, the vast majority insist on its completion.

Actually, the very minute opposition to this most worthy project comes from those people who are called travellers by native Cantabrigians and who do not share or understand the traditions and love for our late President.

I have been presented Life Memberships in every Veterans Organization in the City and have been working closely with them regarding this matter and we feel the Kennedy Library and Museum belongs only in Cambridge--we want it for all but particularly for Cambridge where it belongs for posterity.

Very truly yours,

Pasquale L. Reale

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Comm. from Pasquale L. Reale, relative to
the Kennedy Library and Museum.

In City Council,

April 22, 1974