

Cambridge, Mass.
July 18, 1935

Cambridge City Council
Committee on Finance
City Hall, Cambridge, Mass.

PETITION TO THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Honorable Sirs: **RELATIVE TO COUNCILLOR CAZMAYS ORDER THAT THE MAYOR APPROPRIATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PURCHASE LAND OF THE B.E.R.R CO**

We, the undersigned, residents and property owners of the City of Cambridge, petition that you will not grant any appropriation to buy the land from the Boston Elevated Railroad Company on Baldwin Street Cambridge, Mass. We also ask that you grant us a public hearing, which is our right in such matters, before you act on this measure.

We, the undersigned, also feel that the City cannot afford any new play grounds at a tax rate of \$41 per thousand. And further, there is now a piece of land of over 24,000 square feet diagonally across the street that is at the present time owned by the City of Cambridge and it could be used for this purpose.

Also, that if the site of the old car barn on the corner of Cambridge and Baldwin Streets is to be converted into a play ground, the noise and dust of such a play ground would be detrimental to the many sick patients in the Holy Ghost Hospital and private property adjoining.

We ask all Councillors not to swap or sacrifice the tax payers' money merely to fill the coffers of the Trustees of the Boston Elevated Railroad Company.

We also ask that it be remembered that the Boston Elevated Railroad Company wrote the Mayor on January 30, 1934, that they would give the City of Cambridge \$10,000 in cash and their land on the corner of Baldwin and Cambridge Sts., to the City, in return for the land of the "young police station" site now demolished at Harvard Square.

We ask that it also be remembered that in 1930, Thomas J. Daley of Harvard Square, Cambridge, presented to your body, an offer made by one of his clients, of \$50,000 cash, which was refused. The Council stated at that time that the City must receive at least \$60,000 for that piece of property.

As the Mayor lately stated in the paper, that the present advance in the city tax rate is due to the "plunder and blunder of politicians" we, the undersigned, trust that none of the present Council will be a party to any such ridiculous deal as set forth by the Boston Elevated Railroad Company.

NAME

STREET & NUMBER

Thomas J. Daley	1284 Essex St Cambridge Mass
Margaret Stanton	1612 Cambridge Mass.
Mrs. Stornie Hognuszki	1590 Cambridge Mass.
Frank J. Bellan	657 Cambridge St

owner of all property abutting rear of The R.R. Zone except one -

Hassman

1578 Cambridge St

Michael Foley

1576 Cambridge St

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Isabel A. Nunes

5 Baldwin St.

S. L. Goodman

4 Baldwin St.

Mrs Dunleavy

11 Baldwin St

Ann Okuniec

13 Baldwin St

P. P. [unclear]

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

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PETITION

of *Thomas J. Daly 1384 Mass. Ave
Cambridge Et al*

for *requesting City Council not to appropriate
any money to Bayland & Boston Elevated
Railroad Co. at Cor. of Baldwin & Cambridge
Sts, and requesting a public hearing
before action is taken on this matter*

June 18, 1935

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In City Council ~~and Committee on Public Property & Public Institutions~~

PLACED ON FILE

Friedrich H. Burke
City Clerk.

In City Council, JUN 18 1935 193
Referred to the Committee on

Public Property & Public Institutions

Attest:

Friedrich H. Burke
City Clerk.

City of Cambridge

In City Council April 21, 1936.

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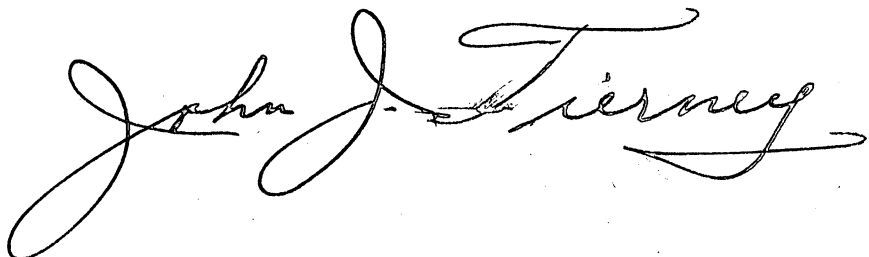
Committee on Public Property and Public Institutions

to which was referred petition of Thomas J. Daly requesting the City Council not to appropriate any money to buy land of Boston Elevated Railway Company at corner of Baldwin Street and Cambridge Street; and requesting a public hearing before action is taken on the matter.

Reports,

Recommending that the communication be placed on file.

For the Committee.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John J. Tierney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "For the Committee."

REPORT

Committee on

*Public Property
and Public Institutions*

*recommending com.
from T. J. Dally be
placed on file*

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April 25, 1936

Report received, and

Recommendation **ADOPTED.**

Witness *Frederick H. Burke*

City Clerk