

Cambridge Citizens for Liveable Neighborhoods

P.O. Box 19, Cambridge, Mass. 02238 354-5670

22 May 1989

Secretary John DeVillars
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02208

Dear Secretary DeVillars,

We are writing to inform you that the City of Cambridge unabatedly continues to approve commercial parking facilities in profusion. On April 25th, 1494 parking spaces in six facilities appeared on the License Commission agenda. On May 23rd, 269 parking spaces in five facilities so appear. And, as always, more are in the pipeline.

We are also writing to inform you that our own examination of the public record reveals that the method by which the City of Cambridge grants these permits directly contradicts 40 CFR 52.1135. Quoting from that regulation:

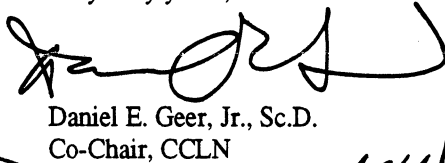
(3) Agency procedures provide that no permit for the construction or modification of a facility covered by this section shall be issued without notice and opportunity for public hearing.

We are here to tell you that the Department of Traffic & Parking issues no such notices nor are hearings held. This appears to have been the case for the entire period since the 1984 delegation of Freeze administration to the City Manager. It is our contention that there therefore exist no valid commercial parking permits in the City of Cambridge, and a challenge to the contention otherwise appears feasible and warranted.

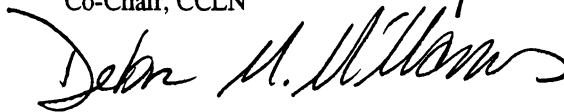
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The bottom line is that the City Manager's position remains one of intransigent nose-thumbing in your direction, is being actively opposed only, repeat only, by citizen groups, and is exactly the situation where you can demonstrate your commitment to have made enforcement of existing law your number one priority, a position your office so carefully reiterated only last week. We again *urge* you to act decisively to strip Cambridge of any authority it may have and to take other actions sufficiently substantial to insure policy change and amelioration.

Very truly yours,



Daniel E. Geer, Jr., Sc.D.
Co-Chair, CCLN



Debra M. McManus
Co-Chair, CCLN

cc: Cambridge City Council
Robert Healey, City Manager
George Teso, Traffic & Parking
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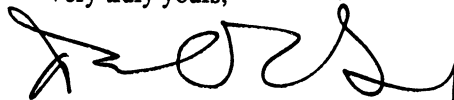
James T. McDavitt
License Commission
City of Cambridge

Dear Comm. McDavitt,

We wish to object in advance to any approval of commercial parking arrangements at your meeting of May 23rd, 1989. Per your agenda, parking for 269 vehicles in five facilities is to be discussed. As we have stated repeatedly, the City appears to be in violation of the SIP and the letter of understanding between Messrs. Pope, Laing and Drisdell, and you are likely taking actions for which you have no authority. We ask that you refuse these permits - and not take this City administration further into violation of State and Federal policies and our air into even more of a disgrace than it is now.

Please attach this letter to each such case, and also reference our testimony at the previous hearings.

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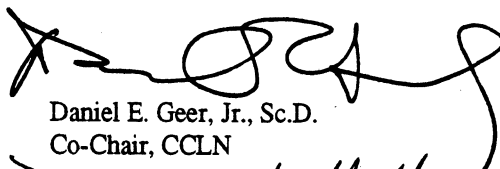
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Michael Dukakis
Governor's Office
State House
Boston, Massachusetts

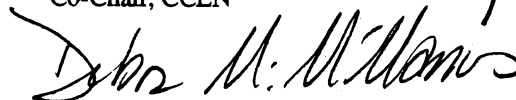
Dear Gov. Dukakis,

The Steering Committee of the CCLN wishes to add its voice to those who insist on the enforcement of environmental law, and who also insist on adequate funding for that purpose be restored to the State Budget. The myopic and typically self-serving attitudes that evaluate, say, clean air as a free good must be made to understand that their positions are inconsistent with policy. Enforcement must be fully funded.

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cc: Sen. Michael Barrett
Sen. Michael LoPresti
Rep. Charles Flaherty
Rep. Peter Vellucci
Rep. Alvin Thompson
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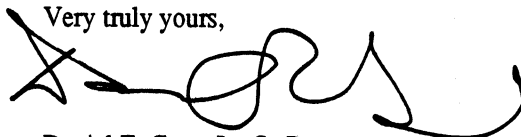
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Councillor Saundra Graham
Cambridge City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Councillor Graham,

The Steering Committee of the CCLN wishes to thank you for your efforts towards billboard control, and emphatically agrees that the liveability of our City would be enhanced by their prompt and total elimination. We note with admiration the sustained and dedicated pursuit of this goal by both the administrative and legislative branches in the City of Somerville. We call on the leadership of Cambridge to take a lesson from Somerville, and commit its political, legal, and administrative resources to our common goal - liveable cities free of visual blight.

Very truly yours,



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Comm. from Daniel E. Geer & Debra McManus,
Co-Chairs, Cambridge Citizens for Liveable
Neighborhoods, transmitting copies of their
comm.'s to the Governor, State & local
officials Re: the method by which the City
grants permits for commercial parking facil-
ities.

In City Council,

June 5, 1989

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