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RE: NEW LIBRARY SITE

Dear Councillors:

At the most recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Square Business Association on November 7, 2000, chaired by President Carl F. Barron, the Board was once again led in a discussion of the Library siting issue. Following an examination of the issues, the Board once again voted unanimously to endorse the siting of the new library in Central Square at the Prospect Street location (corner of Bishop Allen Drive).

Among the issues discussed, that weighed on the Board's thinking, are the following:

1. The estimated cost of siting a new main library at the existing library site on Broadway appears low because it fails to consider the possibility of a pile foundation such as was required to support the adjoining High School addition, and the unit costs used in the Broadway site estimate fail to make allowance for the higher cost of construction that would be expected at the Broadway site because of the need to attach the new library addition, on a tight and confining site, to an existing, historically significant library.
2. Central Square is a center of population for Cambridge and has a number of grade schools nearby. With public transportation so readily available to Central Square and with so many people of all ages living in proximity to Central Square, it seems as though siting a new main library in Central Square on Prospect Street

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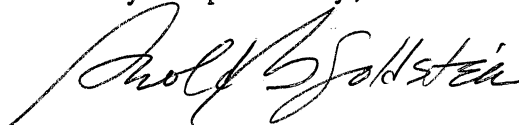
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would be beneficial to the largest number of
Cantabrigians.

3. Some question exists as to whether or not the Broadway site could suitably accommodate a new main library that would serve the City over the long term. A new library whose program of activities and functions, that would require a 100,000 square foot building, could be more readily built on the Prospect Street site.
4. The Central Square environment is experiencing gradual, but noticeable, improvement. A new municipal library in Central Square would be a decidedly positive influence on the quality of life in the area. The library at Broadway could be of major support to activities at the high school and provide branch services to its neighborhoods.

We understand your need to make a decision in the long-term best interests of the City. We hope our viewpoints and thoughts will be seen as helpful to you.

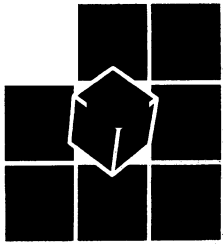
Very respectfully,



The Board of Directors
Central Square Business Association
By Arnold B. Goldstein, Vice President

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cc: Board of Directors
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Dear Miss Drury:

Secretary

Judith Kavanagh
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Would you please forward a copy of the enclosed letter concerning the above to each member of the Cambridge City Council.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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Sincerely,

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Consent Communication #18

A communication was received from Arnold B. Goldstein, Vice President of the Central Square Business Association, transmitting their support for the siting of the new library in Central Square at the Prospect Street location (corner of Bishop Allen Drive).

In City Council December 4, 2000

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