

Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association

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September 4, 2002

The Honorable Michael A Sullivan
Councilor David Maher
Cambridge City Hall, 2nd Floor
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

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Dear Mayor Sullivan and Councilor Maher:

On behalf of the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Association (MCNA), I am writing to express our sincere appreciation to both of you and City Manager Robert Healy for your efforts and participation in the recent negotiations between Harvard University, the city and Mid Cambridge residents regarding the construction of a tunnel under Cambridge Street as part of the Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS) project.

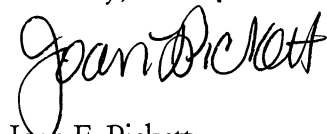
At the July 24th MCNA meeting, the Association approved a motion thanking "Mayor Michael Sullivan, City Councilor David Maher, and City Manager Robert Healy for their recent efforts on behalf of a mutually agreeable resolution of differences between Harvard University and neighbors over the proposed tunnel for the CGIS project. "

The MCNA also declared its appreciation of Harvard's participation in this process.

The CGIS negotiating experience pointed to some indications of what a successful upfront University – Neighborhood- City process might look like. Although this recent negotiating experience did not lead to agreement, we hope that it can lead to the creation of a new framework for university-community planning that includes both a structure for constructive engagement and discussion at the project inception.

The MCNA is prepared and welcomes the opportunity to engage in such efforts, which we hope will become a focus of the University Relations Committee chaired by Councilor Maher.

Sincerely,



Joan F. Pickett
President, MCNA

cc: Robert Healy, City Manager
Councilor David Maher
Cambridge City Council

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Consent Communication #14

A communication was received from Joan F. Pickett, Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association, transmitting appreciation to the City Council and City Manager in the negotiations with Harvard University, the city and Mid Cambridge residents regarding the tunnel construction.

In City Council September 9, 2002

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