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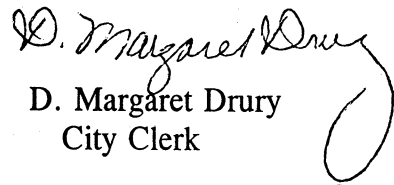
Mr. James Ingram
Cambridge Savings Bank
1374 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Mr. Ingram:

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Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


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*Faxed copy to Harvard Square Business
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Mr. Peter Haddad
The Tasty
2A JFK Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Mr. Haddad:

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Cambridge Savings
James Ingram
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Cambridge 02138

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Attn: Margaret
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CITY HALL, 795 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

Harvard Sq. Business

Attn: Kristen

Consent Communication #19

Communication was received from James M. Williamson, regarding what Cambridge Savings Bank plans are for the site previously occupied by "The Tasty".

In City Council October 20, 1997

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Mayor to schedule
hearing on motion of
Councillor Duhay,
Bank, owner of
business and Historical
Commission to be
invited to attend.

Copy sent to
Mayor's office
10-21-97
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Thursday, Oct 16, 1977

Dear Member of the Cambridge City Council,
 It is time we learned what is going
 to be happening with "the Tasty!"

Will the Cambridge Savings Bank follow through
 on its commitment to bring back "the Tasty"
 into the newly-renovated building?

Many people demand an answer to this question.

Sincerely,
 James M. Williamson

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Thursday, Oct. 23, 1997¹²

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Dear Members of the City Council of Cambridge:

There has still been no satisfactory answer from the Cambridge Savings Bank regarding the continuation of 'The Tasty' in the Read Block in Harvard Square following renovation.

'The Tasty' will close on November 1!

A hearing after that date on this issue may prove useful, but the time to take a stand on this, perhaps the most important landmark in Harvard Square, is before 'The Tasty' closes its doors (or is forced to close its doors), not after!

The people of Cambridge, and a much broader community, have a right to know where the members of our City Council stand on this issue, and what you plan to do to SAVE THE TASTY!

Looking forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

James M. Williamson 17 Perry St.
Cambridge 02139

Consent Communication #12

Communication was received from James M. Williamson, regarding Cambridge Savings Banks plans for the "The Tasty."

In City Council October 27, 1997

Referred to
the Hearing

November 17, 1997



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Charles Sullivan
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Marybeth

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The Harvard Square
Business Association
Taking Care Of The Square

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November 14, 1997

Ms. Margaret Drury
Cambridge City Clerk
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Margaret:

Enclosed is a letter to the City Council for Monday night's (11/17) hearing regarding The Tasty. As neither myself nor Tod Beaty can be present to make a statement, the Board of Directors has asked if this letter could be read aloud in its entirety, in to the record at the hearing (not included in the packets for the Councilors).

Thank you for your assistance, and hope to see you soon (maybe a holiday party or two!).

All my best,

Kristin T. Sudholz
Executive Director



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Cambridge City Council
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Dear Members of the City Council:

The Board of Directors of the Harvard Square Business Association is very concerned that the City Council has found it appropriate to hold a public hearing regarding the future of The Tasty. No matter the opinion of individual Board members regarding the plans of either Cambridge Savings Bank or The Tasty, all agree that the City Council's involvement in landlord/tenant relations is disturbing and may set a dangerous precedent. Will this now mean that every business with real estate issues can ask for a public hearing and Council support?

The answer: No, because the Council is not an appropriate place to be discussing or deliberating private contracts.

The Association's primary concern has always been what is best for the Square in its entirety. Specifically regarding the Read Block development, the HSBA met with Cambridge Savings Bank several times regarding concerns and plans for their project, the tenants, the design, construction, etc. We continue to contribute regularly to them regarding what is best for Harvard Square with this development.

It appears that "change," and how it affects the face of Harvard Square and all of Cambridge, is the real issue driving this hearing. We realize that the closing of mom-and-pops, the influx of chains, and the continued development of Harvard Square and Central Square are the major issues perceived as threatening both Squares. Many people, including some members of the Council, have stated that Harvard Square is becoming a mall or "anywhere USA." However, looking through the history pages, one must remember that chain stores and fast food establishments have existed in the Square since their inception in the 1930's. Many have forgotten the Hojo's, Albiani's, Joe and Nemo's Hot Dogs, Waldorf's, Brighams, and more, were in the Square. More recently, Pier One, Rebecca's, Pizzeria Regina, Talbot's, and others, have also left. True, many small businesses have a difficult time competing with larger stores for a variety of reasons, but Harvard Square has still proven to be a mixed use district in which new, innovative, and unique start-up businesses have not only built a loyal customer base, but have also prospered and grown well beyond Cambridge's boundaries. While other businesses prefer to stay small, happy to maintain a hands-on approach and daily contact with their customers. Yet, as we all know, keeping this pace is difficult, and when a smaller business closes we experience a sense of loss.

However, the closing of long standing establishments such as Elsie's, the Wursthaus, Cahaly's, the sale of Charlie's, and others, are due to the cycle of life in a thriving and innovative community; not as a result of the influx of chains or redevelopment. Is a public hearing on one business the appropriate response or answer to the larger concern or sentiment about the future of Harvard Square, Central Square, or all of Cambridge? How does focusing publicly on one

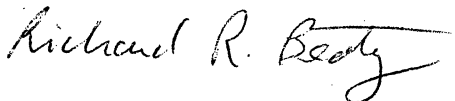
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business' concerns effect all that is good and wonderful about Harvard Square and Cambridge? These questions need to be asked and their answers considered carefully.

Cambridge Savings Bank and The Tasty aside, temporary or permanent displacement is an inevitable process of planning for the future. However, the HSBA does feel that through appropriate efforts, this displacement can be handled and managed in a way can that work for all parties, but only if all concerned parties work together to find creative solutions to the problems. For example: the Council referred Harvard to the City Manager regarding the kiosk changes at The Shops by Harvard Yard. This approach is just one example of a more logical and suitable way to handle the Council's concerns about the future of The Tasty, and other such private matters.

While there are reasonable regulations and hearings in Cambridge on property "use", there are also good reasons (i.e. U.S. Constitution) why there no regulations or hearings on who the property "user" is, do not occur. Therefore, the Board finds this hearing improper, unfair, and not an appropriate way to handle concerns about changes in Cambridge.

Sincerely,



Richard R. Beaty, President
Harvard Square Business Association
Hammond Real Estate, President

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Letter to the City Council
regarding the Tasty.

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In City Council November 17, 1997