

To: CITY CLERK

From: SCOTT LEVITAN

Date: 3/3/92

☐ For your info

☐ Please advise

☐ Per your request

☒ For action

I AM SENDING THIS AT
THE REQUEST OF MAYOR
REEVES TO BE ENTERED INTO
THE RECORD OF THE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING OF
3/2/92 RELATED TO
~~NON~~-CONSENT ORDER
#11 BY COUNCILLOR
WOLF.

THANK YOU.

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19 February 1992

Honorable City Councillors
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

We, the Concerned Neighbors of City Hall, wish to bring to your attention and seek assistance in revising certain elements of the proposed plan to renovate City Hall. These issues are exacerbated by the scofflaw approach to traffic management for City Hall employees which is endemic in our neighborhood, including the issuance of residential parking permits to employees who do not live in Cambridge.

1. The present plan to air condition City Hall requires that two, partially above grade, air cooled chillers be located adjacent to the building. The location preferred by the Architect would site these in a 20' by 40' pit on the Bigelow Street side of the building. These chillers will operate at all hours and produce constant rated sound readings measuring 65 decibels (and will exceed these levels at start-up) and will have a deleterious effect on the residential character of Bigelow Street which is designated a National Register Historic District. We have presented alternative locations to the Architect through presentations at the Cambridge Historic Commission but feel that our concerns are not being given due consideration. The proposed landscape screen is composed of deciduous plant material, allows only 24" for root development and will not be sufficient to ameliorate the effect of the noise and visual intrusion on our streets. We believe that priority in determining a location for the chillers should be given to the residents of Bigelow and Inman Streets which abut the site and that the solution to the location will not have a negative effect on the liveability and consequently the value of the homes which we've worked so hard to preserve.
2. In order to renovate the attic to provide 5,700 square feet of additional office space, six

additional parking spaces will be created by constructing a retaining wall along the north of the site and removing the green open space behind City Hall. While we strongly support better management of the parking needs of City Hall employees, we have made proposals to the City Manager requesting that parking be designated for City Hall employees at underutilized City owned lots such as the Green Street garage. Prior to **making a decision to affect the Historic Landscape which is so integral to the urban design of City Hall and the contiguous National Register Historic District, meaningful consideration should be given to investigating alternatives for City Hall's employee parking problem.** Further, given the dearth of public open green space in our neighborhood, any reduction of the quantity of open space should be made only as a last resort when no viable option exists. There truly are options available in this case.

We strongly support the intent of the City in embarking on this project which will preserve this landmark building and render it accessible to persons with disabilities. But we are extremely concerned by the effect that the proposal will have on our neighborhood and feel that in these two areas, the residents of Bigelow and Inman Streets have been given short shrift.

We ask your assistance in revising the proposal to address the hardship which will accrue to our neighborhood should the plan proceed as currently proposed. We propose that a committee be formed including representatives from our neighborhood to prepare a more appropriate plan for meeting the programmatic needs of City Hall. If you would be willing to help, please contact Scott Levitan, 11 Bigelow Street #2, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 (H. 547-5625, W. 495-1441) who will assist in developing a scheme which will not cause hardship for the residential abutters to City Hall.

Thank you for your assistance with preserving the character and liveability of our neighborhood.

PETITION TO CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCILLORS
REGARDING PROPOSED RENOVATIONS TO CITY HALL
FROM CONCERNED NEIGHBORS OF CITY HALL

REFERENCE: BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL CASE NO. 6417
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#	Name	Address	Phone
1.	Judy Farrow	9 Bigelow St. 3A	661-8544
2.	Edi F. Luitan	11 Bigelow St #2	547-5625
3.	Ch. Jee	9 Bigelow	864-0514
4.	Scott [unclear]	11 Bigelow St. #2	455-1441
5.	Arthur Levering	32B Bigelow St.	661-6933
6.	Frank Oltscher	9 Bigelow St 3B	661-6959
1.	Joseph F. Fahay	15 BIGELOW ST #3 CAMB. MA	661-2067
3.	Melanie S. Fahay	15 Bigelow St #3	661-2067
1.	Ned B. Cature	15 Bigelow St #1	354-9350
1.	John Barth	15 BIGELOW ST. #7	354-2624
1.	Mona Dahan (Wissa)	15 Bigelow St #4	547-1716
2.	Mary Stikel	21 Bigelow	876-0663

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7	Kathleen Birk	278 Harvard St.	492-7608
8	R. T.	23 Bigelow	02139 492-5814

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#	Name	Address	Phone
1.	Jane K. Canfield	22 Bigelow St, #1C	864-5741
2.	Ram Maus	22 Bigelow St. #1B	497-9278
3.	Jayne Purshaw	22 Bigelow St #2A	864 3778
4.	M. Purshaw	" " "	" "
5.	Carolyn V. Wors	34 Bigelow St.	864-8222
6.	Sarah B. Caragano	34 Bigelow St	661-1838
7.	Selwyn Rabins	36 Bigelow St	661 8358
8.	Edward Jacobsen	40 Bigelow St	864-6566

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#	Name	Address	Phone
1.	John O. Chesley, Esq.	22 Bigelow St. #2B	951-7494(w) 547-2993(h)
2.	Ruth E. Comer	22 Bigelow St. #3B	661-0997
3.	Shelley F. Chesley, M.D.	22 Bigelow St. #2B	726-2066(w) 547-2993(h)
4.	Michael Fukan	26 Bigelow St. #1A	864-4817
5.	Kathy McCormick	18 Bigelow	547-1965
6.	Craig Komins	44 Bigelow St.	876-4951
7.	Dorcas Kopman	22 Bigelow St. #3A	864-3570
8.	Agnès Trichard	22 Bigelow St. 3A	864-3510
9.	Antano Orfield	29 Inman St.	868-8742
10.	Kary Orfield	29 Inman St.	868-8742

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1.	Susan Carey	12 Bigelow St	547-4227
2	Andrew	12 Bigelow St	547-4227
3	Pam	13 Bigelow St	868-4076
4	Elliot Scott Slater	10 Bigelow St.	876-3146
5	Ellen Harding Slater	10 Bigelow St.	876-3146
6	Paul H. H.	10 Bigelow St.	547-2075
7	Michael Anni	10 Bigelow St.	547-2075
8	Chris Van Schalkwyk	13 Bigelow St	661-7929
9	Madynne Jahlender	13 Bigelow St.	661-7375
10	Nathalie Jahlender	13 Bigelow St	661-7375
11	M ^{rs} Teresa Gonzalez	13 Bigelow St.	661-7375
12	McPeebles	13 Bigelow	868-4076

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1.	Sara Hogan	30 Bigelow St.	497 0535
2	Sejue M. Spencer	16 Bigelow St	597-1920
3	Lyle M. Spencer Jr	" " "	" "
4	Ann Marie Principato	18 " "	" "
5	Suzanne Nace	16 Bigelow	8642782
6	Gregory	22 Bigelow	
7	Lana Moffatt	23 Bigelow Street	876-3698
8	Michelle L. Huff	40 Bigelow St.	354-9312
9	Damon Martin	21 Bigelow St.	491-5257
10	Phoebe Hackett	21 Bigelow St	491-5257
11	Pauline P. Peters	19 Bigelow St	876-6064
12	Quincy McNamara	3 Clinton St	354-2942
13	Michael	19 Bigelow St.	876-6064
14	Michael	42 Bigelow St	864 8950
15	David J. Quade	76 Bigelow St	354-1203

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1.	Julia F. Carpenter	28A Bigelow St Cambridge MA	617 865 9772
2	Robert Bousquet	25 BIGELOW ST Cambridge MA	617 547 2449
3	Jim [unclear]	26A Bigelow St " "	617.497.3995
4	Ly P.L. (JERRY PAVON)	34 BIGELOW ST. CAMBRIDGE, MA	02139
5	Paula Hannigan	38 Bigelow St, Cambridge	02139
6	Caroline Banks	38 Bigelow St. Cambridge	02139
7	Thomas Mark	23 Bigelow St Cambridge	02139
8	Katherine Olivier	23 Bigelow St. Cambridge	
9	Daniel Fisher	25 Bigelow St Camb, MA	
10	Patricia Goodheart	24 Lee Street, Cam. 02139, MA,	
11	Alexandra Brving	23 Bigelow st, Camb	02139 492-5814
12	Pat [unclear] Pagnette	46 Bigelow Camb MA	02139
13	Tom Schae	29 Bigelow Camb MA	02139 547 9841
14	Mark Leonard	29 Bigelow Cambridge	
15	Jim Holbrook	25 Bigelow Cambridge MA	02139

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1.	Evelyn Kelleher	7 Bigelow St	491-4141
2	Luise Chippis	7 Bigelow St	661-5930
3	William J. Kelleher	7 BIGELOW ST.	661-5913
4	Paul Kelleher	7 BIGELOW	
5	Adam Phipps	7 Bigelow St	661-5930
6	Timothy Kelleher	7 Bigelow	491-4141
7	Karen Lamm	7 Austin Park	491-4025
8	Genevieve Dixon	287 Harvard St. #64	
9	Frances Whiburn	24 ELSDON AVE	492-1335
10	Vincent Lawrence Dixon	287 Harvard St - No. 64	492-0954
11	John R. Pitkin	18 Fayette St.	492-4035
12	Jan Lorentz	419 Broadway	547-8936
13	Miss Box Smith	17-B Bigelow St.	864-9258
14	Lia MacDermott	17-B Bigelow St	864-9258
15	Bienfait	14 Bigelow street	492-9236

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1.	FRANCESCO CASERTA	8 Bigelow St	
	Lenny Mucadley	8 Bigelow St	
	Nathan Nulov	8 Bigelow St	
	Constantin Lays	8 Bigelow St	
	Nathalie Pinar	8 Bigelow St	
	John McGunnness	8 Bigelow	
	Chris Hayes	8 BIGELOW	
	Usman Ghani	8 Bigelow St.	
	Ramu Elango	8, Bigelow St	
	Ram Pd. Neupane	8, Bigelow St	
	Li Zhang	8 Bigelow St.	



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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 2, 1992

COUNCILLOR WOLF
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The plans for renovations of City Hall are cause for concern for the neighbors, particularly the concerns of noisy air conditioners and parking; and

WHEREAS: The city government, of all entities, should be a good neighbor; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to plan a meeting with the Bigelow and Inman Street neighbors to discuss issues of concern; and be it further

ORDERED; That the City Council request the City Manager to request the Board of Zoning Appeal and Historical Commission to postpone its decision making until such a meeting has taken place.

In City Council March 2, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk



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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 1992

C. Wolf

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Non-Consent Order # 11

Sullivan
Councillor Wolf re: renovations at City
Hall be postponed until a meeting is
held to discuss issues of concern for
the neighborhood.

In City Council,

March 2, 1992

Order adopted