

Ward 5 Democratic Committee of Cambridge, MA, c/o 100 Auburn St., Cambridge, MA 02139
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

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A RESOLUTION OF THE WARD 5 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE
TO OPERATE THE LAWRENCE SCHIFF MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IN THE CAMBRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

- WHEREAS Cambridgeport is already the home of a "wet" drop-in alcoholism treatment center; and
- WHEREAS Cambridgeport is already the home of a "dry" drop-in alcoholism treatment center; and
- WHEREAS Cambridgeport is already the home of a methadone treatment center; and
- WHEREAS Cambridgeport is already the home of two DARE, Inc. houses; and
- WHEREAS Cambridgeport is already the home of a M.G.L.A. ch. 766 school for problem children; and
- WHEREAS the health, safety and welfare of the voters and residents of the Cambridgeport neighborhood have been severely threatened and jeopardized by the aforementioned; and
- WHEREAS at a public hearing on the the application for a license to operate the Schiff Mental Health Center in Cambridgeport, which was demanded by ten taxpayers, those present were overwhelmingly and vehemently opposed to the issuance of said license and the operation of said clinic in Cambridgeport; and
- WHEREAS the patients to be treated at the Schiff center would pose a serious threat to the lives and safety of the people of Cambridgeport, especially its children and elderly; and
- WHEREAS the Cambridgeport community already suffers from one the highest crime rates in the City of Cambridge, especially crimes of physical violence to the person; and
- WHEREAS the very presence of patients such as those to be served by the Schiff Center in the Cambridgeport Community, which patients are not responsible for their actions, has and will cause great fear and anxiety to the people of this neighborhood;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the WARD 5 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE of Cambridge, Massachusetts unanimously condemns the operation of the Schiff facility in Cambridgeport and unanimously opposes the issuance of a license by the Department of Public Health of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to operate said center in Cambridgeport;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee, in representing the people of Ward 5, do its utmost to protect our community from this menace to our neighborhood;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to:

Paul Healy, City Clerk, for transmittal to the Cambridge City Council;

Senator Michael LoPresti

Representative Saudra Graham

Representative Michael Lombardi

Walter Milne, Assistant to the President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Philip Trussell, Real Estate Officer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Philip Katz, Determination of Need Program, Department of Public Health

Edward King, Governor of the Commonwealth

Alfred L. Frechette, Commissioner of Public Health

Charles F. Mahoney, Secretary of Human Services

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND, THIS FIRST DAY OF MAY NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

James W. Garagianes
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Chairman, Ward 5
Democratic Committee

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Comm. from James A. Caragianes, Chrm.,
Ward 5 Democratic Committee, transmitting a
resolution of the Committee opposing the
Lawrence Schiff Mental Health Center in the
Cambridgeport Community.

In City Council,

May 12, 1980

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