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22 Hadley St
Cambridge, MA 02140

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May 9, 1996

Sheila T. Russell
Mayor of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mayor Russell,

The residents of North Cambridge have clearly stated our opposition for the construction of the Speedy Muffler King at 2055 Massachusetts Avenue, across from the North Cambridge Senior Center. We would like the City of Cambridge to consider purchasing the site to build a park for these following reasons:

A park would provide a better quality of life for the elderly living in the area. It would be a place for relaxation and enjoyment for the many residents of the Senior Center, the nursing home on Russell Street, and the elderly homeowners in the neighborhood.

A park would provide a playground for small children and a meeting place for young mothers. As a mother of a two-year-old and a five-month-old, I have found that there are no playgrounds or parks for toddlers in the neighborhood. It is difficult to get to a park unless I drive. As a young mother, I enjoy strolling my children and meeting other mothers. However, I find it difficult to do so in this area.

A park would provide an restful area for the many occupants of the Henderson Carriage Building. It would provide a place for lunch breaks or coffee breaks. The employees can enjoy the outdoors and relieve stress from their jobs. Currently, there are no outdoor areas available for these people.

A park would be an "upgrade" from a large-scale auto use and honor the requirements of the Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District. It would promote safety concerns of the residents and protect the rights of people to enjoy a better quality of life.

The residents ask that you and members of the City Council to seriously consider this plan. We would be happy to meet with you at any time. Thank you for your time and feel free to call me at (617) 547-1591 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Anne Kim

Consent Communication #1

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Communication was received from
Anne Kim, 22 Hadley Street, trans-
mitting her opposition to the construction
of the Speedy Muffler King at 2055
Mass. Ave., across from the North
Cambridge Senior Center.

COMMUNICATION #1
TO: HONORABLE
CITY MANAGER
FROM: ANNE KIM

In City Council May 20, 1996

Referred to City Manager.