

We, the undersigned, wish to petition the Cambridge City Council to reconsider and to hold a public hearing on th plan for renovation and rebuilding of the Cambridge High Schools approved by the School Committee on November 14, 1974. While we appreciate the concept of up to date facilities for Cambridge's high school programs, (1) we feel that the particular plan approved was inadequately considered in relation to other plans for this site by the School Committee, (2) that certain aspects of the proposed plan are in direct contradiction to prior feasibility studies undertaken by the School Committee, (3) that it does not represent the best use of the available site and, (4) that it will be detrimental to the interests of the surrounding neighborhood and the City of Cambridge.

The new Cambridge High and Latin building will take over a major part of the heavily utilized park surrounding the Public Library, which is the only sizable public open space in the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood. It will result in a reduction of the total open space available on this site, and the destruction of numerous large, mature trees, which cannot be replaced except over many years.

We believe that it is possible to achieve the goals for the Cambridge high schools without infringing upon the existing park space.

Name

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To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge DEC 9 9 16 AM '74

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. The undersigned respectfully pray

That we be allowed to appear before the City Council, as soon as is feasible, to discuss issues concerning the site selected by the School Committee for the proposed new building for the Cambridge High and Latin School. We believe that the particular plan approved was given inadequate consideration relative to other plans for this site; that it does not represent the best use of the available site; and that it will be detrimental to the interests of the surrounding neighborhood and the City of Cambridge. The proposed location for the new High and Latin building will take over a major part of the "Library Grounds" - the heavily utilized park surrounding the Public Library, - which is the only sizable public open space in the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood. It will result in the reduction of total available open space and the destruction of numerous large, mature trees which will take years to replace. We believe there are alternative plans which provide as adequately for High and Latin within the current High & Latin and Rindge site area, without having the detrimental impact on the park.

We would like to request the Council to consider these issues and alternatives, and to hear broader public input on this matter through a public hearing.

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Howard E. Cohen and Myra Muscant, 1663 Cambridge Street

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PETITION

of Myron Miller et als for a hearing
for to discuss the site for the new
No. High and Latin School

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Hearing set for
Jan on Dec. 30/74

In City Council,

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Referred to the Committee on

Attest:

City Clerk.