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April 3, 2000

Members of the
Cambridge City Council
795 Massachusetts Ave # 202
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Council Members:

I am writing because of my concern about the possible relocation of the Public Library. The present building, even though small, is an architecturally important, beautiful building, the location is excellent, and there is space for modest expansion. To relocate it at either the present site of the Y or the Post Office in Central Square is a ridiculous plan. Those buildings were not designed to be libraries, so you would be gutting buildings, trying to make the needs of a library fit the existing confines of the building AND at the same time you would have the added expense of moving the Y or the Post Office to yet another location!! (The community paying for the cost of TWO moves and renovations!) Is this only because there is a small vocal, and lawsuit threatening, group of residents near the present library? The most logical plan would be to expand the present building; a plan that would benefit the entire community of Cambridge while moving the library to, say, the Post Office and the Post Office, to heaven knows where seems ludicrous indeed. There's also the matter of the money already spent to research the possible sites--and what did we get for our money? It's incredible that a handful of people have such power to cost a community so much money AND to lose a beautiful library.

I urge you to reconsider and face down the small group of vocal residents and leave the library in its present location with a modest addition.

Sincerely



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Consent Communication #10 9/5

A communication was received from
Gail Graves, transmitting concern
relative to the possible relocation
of the Public Library.

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