



# City of Cambridge

Consent Communication #6

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 18, 1995

## COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: Stop and Shop has announced that effective January 1, 1996 the Purity in Central Square will no longer accept utility payments; and

WHEREAS: The payment of utility bills at Purity over these years has been a great service to their customers; and

WHEREAS: This service helped many on fixed incomes to better use their resources on essentials, such as food and utilities - not check fees; and

WHEREAS: This Council would greatly appreciate Stop and Shop reconsidering its change in Policy; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Clerk send an engrossed copy of this order to Stop & Shop; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the officials of Stop and Shop; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager and the Consumer Council talk to other businesses in Central Square to continue the service of accepting utility payments as Stop & Shop no longer will have this service.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

*D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk



# CENTRAL SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

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December 13, 1995

Honorable Councillors;

At a meeting held yesterday with representatives of the Community Affairs Office of Stop & Shop, Susan Schlesinger, Assistant City Manager for Community Development and myself, several items relating to the purchase of our Purity Supreme grocery store by Stop & Shop were discussed.

During this meeting, Ms. Schlesinger and I expressed our mutual concern about Stop & Shop's announcement that effective January 1, 1996 the customer service desk at the Purity Supreme store will no longer accept utility bill payments. This is cause for much concern as many Central Square residents depend on this service. If our neighbors no longer can utilize Purity's service desk to accept their utility bill payments, they will be required to go to the check cashing store in the square, where they will have to buy a money order for each bill to be paid. This is a very expensive, unacceptable burden on our residents. Another matter of concern is that many of our neighbors cash government checks at the Purity service desk, as this service is free. If this new Stop & Shop "no bill paying" policy is implemented, many of our seniors will be required to carry large sums of money as they walk from the Purity to the check cashing store to pay their bills. It would be most unfortunate if our seniors are put in such risk. Or, they will go straight to the check cashing store to cash the check and pay the bills. Another very expensive procedure.

At this time, we would request that the City Council join us in expressing serious concern about this proposed action and encourage Stop & Shop to reverse their decision.

Thank you.

Robert B. Boulrice, President

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Communication was received from Robert B. Boulrice, President, Central Square Neighborhood Coalition transmitting a letter regarding several items relating to the purchase of Purity Supreme by Stop & Shop which were discussed at a recent meeting.

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*Placed on file.*  
*Order Adopted*