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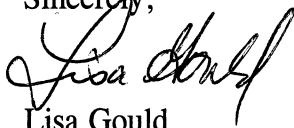
Dear Margaret:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter and petition that I am requesting be placed on the upcoming City Council agenda. The letter and petition concern neighborhood opposition to the proposed development of a substandard sized lot located at 106 Harvey Street, North Cambridge.

As a result of the developer's attempts to get building permits and variances to build on this small lot, we are forming a Harvey Street Association to better voice our concerns with this and other neighborhood issues.

Thank you very much taking care of placing this on the agenda. If there are any questions, I can be contacted at 864-0146.

Sincerely,



Lisa Gould
102 Harvey Street
Cambridge, MA 02140

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86-86 Harvey Street
Cambridge, MA 02140
October 16, 1996

Members of the Board of Zoning Appeal
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Friends:

We write this letter in support of the Petition we have also signed with regard to the request for variances of case No. 7327, located at 100-106 Harvey Street. The variances which the builder has requested involve both the amount of space between the proposed 20 foot house and the property lines and the buffer required between proposed parking and the lot line.

It is easy to ignore the intent of zoning regulations by citing code; we choose to explain our opposition to the builder's request in terms of neighborhood concerns. The subdivided lot of 100-106 Harvey Street presently occupied by some lovely fruit trees is not sufficient to support a residence. That is why the builder is requesting variances regarding the closeness to the property lines. We think that our residential neighborhood is already dense enough and squeezing another house into too small a space does nothing to improve the situation. But more importantly, it adds automobile traffic to a street that is already used too heavily for such a highly residential area populated with small children. We have three children in our home and Harvey Street is already dangerous. Why add to the problem?

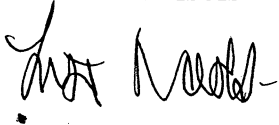
The petition states that the applicants are not homeowners with a hardship or need to expand, but rather developers from outside the city. The builder, Eamon Fee, appeared at a meeting of the North Cambridge Stabilization Committee not long ago and requested our support for these variances. He stated at that meeting that if he did not get approval for this 20 foot, single family structure, that he would build a 16 foot, two family building and perhaps rent it! Many of us felt threatened by this approach, which sounded to us like "support my plans or I'll build something you really won't like." He also stated at the time that if he could not get the kind of parking he wanted by obtaining the necessary variances, he would gain access to the property by means of Montgomery Street (which, if we understand it correctly, would mean that we would have additional traffic on both Montgomery and Harvey Street rather than just Harvey Street alone).

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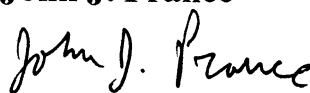
There is an ancient maxim that the world weeps when fruit trees are cut down; in this case, we feel that our neighborhood as a whole would suffer as well. That our neighbors in the condo abutting 106 Harvey Street gave us apples from one of the trees which would be cut down is only symbolic of the real wealth of the neighborhood: our children and the quality of life many of us relish in North Cambridge. We urge you not only to deny the variances requested in this case, but to deny permission to build any residential structure with vehicular access on this lot. It is simply too small; it is not in the interests of the neighborhood; and it poses additional traffic danger to children who regularly walk to the playing fields four blocks away.

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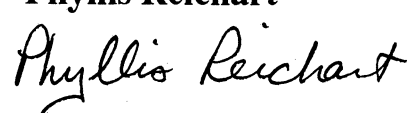
Lisa Maisels



John J. Prance



Phyllis Reichart



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We reject the notion that the limited subdivision permit that created this lot nearly a decade ago now allows the current property owners to put another building on it “as of right,” without first obtaining explicit waivers of each applicable dimensional requirement and express relief from the zoning restrictions that specifically ban construction on substandard lots and on subdivided-and-resold parcels such as this one.

Granting the requested variances would disregard the clear intent of the zoning regulations and void them unlawfully. We urge the Board of Zoning Appeals to help us protect the character of our neighborhood by denying the applicants' petition.

Signature	Name	Street Address	Phone
<i>Robert Jean-Simon</i>	ROBERT JEAN-SIMON	114 HARVEY ST	661-1235
<i>Robert Cernusca</i>	Robert Cernusca	124 Harvey St	351-9582
<i>Roxanne Barosso</i>	Roxanne Barosso	144 Harvey St Camb MA	
<i>Philip M. Dussault</i>	Philip M. Dussault	140 HARVEY ST. CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140	
<i>Christina M. Paul</i>	Christina M. Paul	120 Montgomery Str. #1 Camb - MA 02140	
H <i>Amy Bamforth</i>	Amy Bamforth	126 Harvey St. Camb MA 02140	
H <i>David Borries</i>	David Borries	126 Harvey St Camb MA 02140	
H <i>Edward J. Frank</i>	Edward J. Frank	163 Harvey St. camb.	
H <i>Clara M. Frank</i>	Clara M. Frank	same	
<i>Peter J. Imrie</i>	Peter J. Imrie	96 Jackson St Cambridge - 02140	

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<i>Christine L. Blackburn</i>	CHRISTINE L. BLACKBURN	39 HARVEY ST. CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142	661-424
<i>Darlene Nicgerski</i>	Darlene Nicgerski	39 Harvey St. Cambridge (same)	
<i>Stuart Wink</i>	39 HARVEY ST. CAMBRIDGE	491-1636	
<i>Paul Kennedy</i>	160 HARVEY	492-5663	
H <i>Michael Byrne</i>	218 Harvey	576-1516	
H <i>Maree Byrne</i>	218 Harvey St	576-1316	
<i>Karine Benabadji</i>	216 Harvey St	491-2076	
H <i>Pat Brehm</i>	149 Harvey St. Cambridge	MA 02140	
H <i>Esther Talib</i>	41 Harvey St. Cambridge	MA 02141	
<i>Mukta Mutalik</i>	41 Harvey St. Cambridge	MA 0214	



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	Cynthia Brown	69 Harvey St.	576-5583
	CECILIA MONTERO	79 HARVEY ST	868-1886
	EDWARD SWARNIS	69 HARVEY ST	354-2798
	JOAN SWARNIS	5 WESTLEY ST	354-1670
	M.E. KENT	8 Westley Ave	354-0265
	P. MONTAGNA	6 Westley Ave	864-1254
	Nancy Winston	51 Harvey St	864-5934
	Richard J. McNally	37 Harvey St.	491-1471
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	M. RASHED	45 Harvey St	576-3537



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	Patricia G. Apple	126 Montgomery St #2	868-3846
	Rosemary Apple	120 Montgomery St #3	876-0166
	MARYLYNNE MASSA	46 MABOW ST	876-2331
	Jean-Claude Paul	120 Montgomery St #1	492-9221
	Barbara Poirier	123 Montgomery St #1/2	
	Kenny DeWolfe	123 Montgomery St	
	Mary Poirier	123 Montgomery St Apt 1	
	Pamela Cogut	122 Montgomery St, Apt 2	876-2098
	Lily Torres	126 Montgomery St. U. 3	547-6848

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(David)	<i>[Signature]</i>	D.W. SHUCKRA	43 HARVEY ST	497-0170
H	<i>[Signature]</i>	Clifford Wunderlich	43 Harvey St	497-0170
	<i>[Signature]</i>	Aziz Aithsine	85 Harvey St	492-3173
H	<i>[Signature]</i>	Sylvia Barnes	196 Harvey St.	876 5620
	<i>[Signature]</i>	APLOSSIN	140 Jackson St	354-6586
Abutter	<i>[Signature]</i>	Lisa Gould	102 Harvey St	864-0146
H	<i>[Signature]</i>	PHILIP DUFFY	115 HARVEY ST.	576-3859
Abutter	<i>[Signature]</i>	Victoria Jean Simon	114 Harvey St.	661-1235



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<i>John J. Franco</i>	JOHN FRANCO	86 HARVEY ST.	547-1164
<i>Aman S. Finkel</i>	Susan Teslu	127 Montgomery St	576-6842
<i>Lisa Maisels</i>	Lisa Maisels	86 Harvey St.	497-9001
<i>Robert Dove-McClem</i>	Robert Dove-McClem	868 Harvey St.	497-4880
<i>Phyllis Reichart</i>	Phyllis Reichart	127 Montgomery St	576-8797
<i>John Gallagher</i>	JOHN GALLAGHER	102 Harvey St #2	876-1446



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<i>Michael J. Brandon</i>	Michael J. Brandon	27 Seven Pines Ave.	864-3520
H <i>Laurie Coe</i>	LAURIE COE	26 HARVEY AVE.	492-8574
H <i>Janice Robillard</i>	Janice Robillard	24 Harvey St	492-5951
H <i>Laurence Robillard</i>	Laurence Robillard	24 Harvey St	492-8574
<i>Victoria Tane</i>	Victoria Tane	27 Seven Pines Ave	492-2362
<i>Doug Ayoub</i>	Doug Ayoub	113 Reed St	864-8808

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Consent Communication #5

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Communication was received from Lisa Gould, et al. transmitting a petition concerning neighborhood opposition to the proposed development at the premises numbered 106 Harvey Street.

In City Council October 28, 1996

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