

Shaolee Yang
10 Rogers Street Unit #218
Cambridge, MA 02142
May 17, 1991

Mr. Lauren Preston
Cambridge Traffic Department
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Suggested Resolution of
Truck Traffic Problem in
East Cambridge

Dear Mr. Preston:

We have experienced increasing truck traffic in East Cambridge especially on Commercial Ave. and First Street. We understand that East Cambridge is a mixed-use community; however, there must be ways to achieve a better traffic pattern and control for all people in the community.

PROBLEM: Truck Traffic Creates Unacceptable Levels of Night Noise

Our biggest complaint as residents is the noise generated by the container trucks and dump trucks in the middle of the night. Because First Street is a long street without a speed limit, these trucks often race down the street in the early morning hours and break hard before they make a right turn onto Binney Street (see Route I on map). The sound of screeching brake straining to slow down a fast moving truck, and in addition, the sound of container bouncing off the flat bed over bumpy road surface, is both too loud and too annoying for residents of this area in the middle of the night.

SOLUTION: Truck Traffic Should Use Alternate Route At All Times.

I have been observing the truck traffic flow during the day for quite some time and discovered that some trucks heading to Central Square from Msgr. O'Brien Highway actually take a different route by making a right turn at Bent Street. As the attached map demonstrates, using Bent Street and Second Street (Route II) would provide trucks with an easy, equivalent, alternate route that would avoid disturbing residential areas. Because Route II passes through commercial areas only, it would be desirable for trucks to take this route at all times. There are no residential buildings along Route II.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As trucks are prohibited from entering other residential areas of

East Cambridge, I suggest that Traffic Department investigate the recommendations for our area as well:

- . Put up traffic signs to direct all trucks to take Route II.
- . Set a truck speed limit of 20 MPH for First Street.
- . Set up a speed trap at night to stop any speeding vehicles.

CONCLUSION

We enjoy the vitality in East Cambridge and hope the traffic improvements to our neighborhood will make it an even more livable community.

I can be reached for your comments at (617) 451-3480 X229 during the day. I will also call you on June 21st to discuss your thoughts. Thank you for looking into this matter.

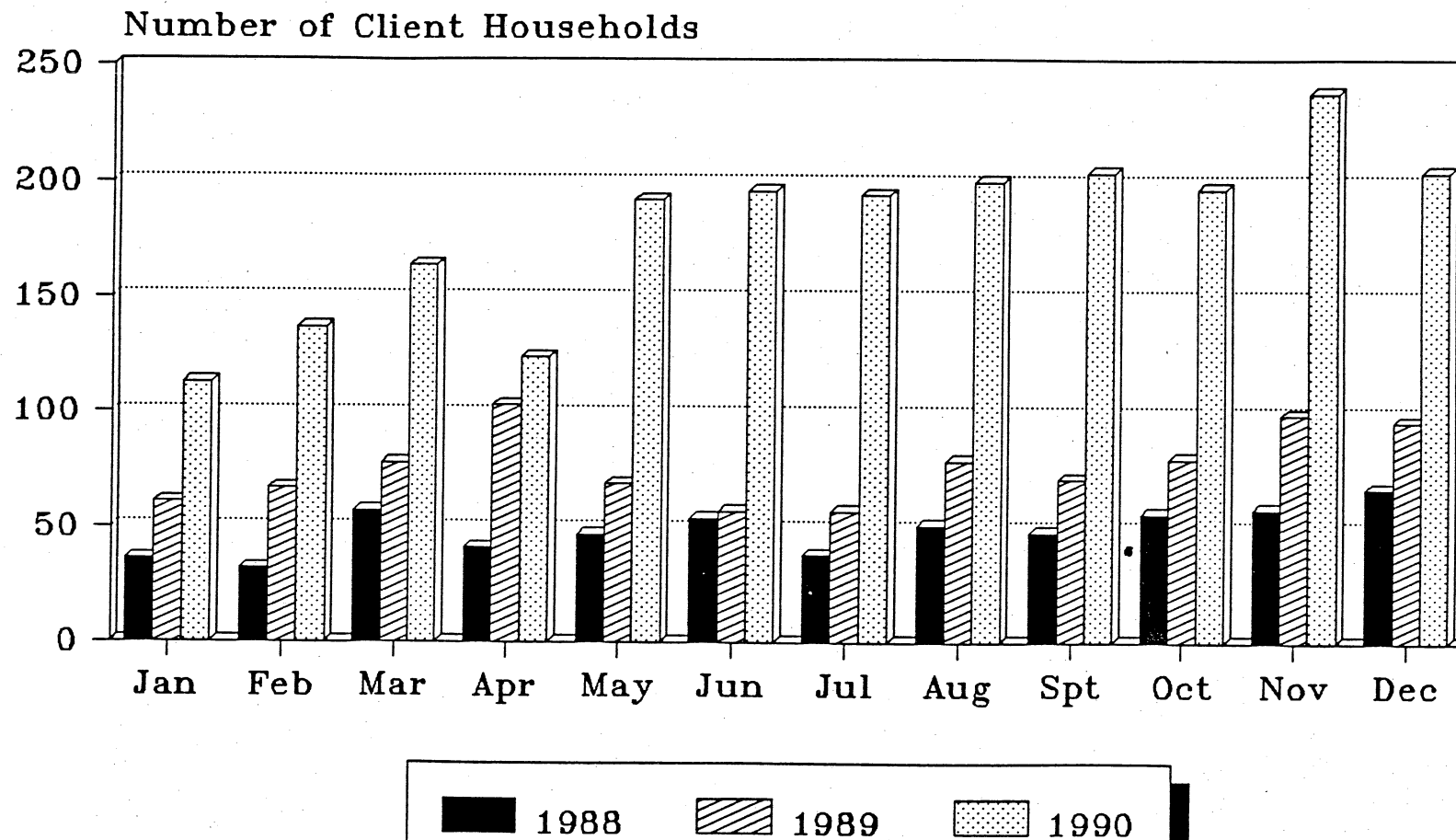
Sincerely yours,



Shaolee Yang
and other residents

CC: Mayor Alice K. Wolfe
Vice Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves
Councillor Francis Duehay
Councillor Timothy J. Toomey Jr.
Councillor Sheila T. Russell
Councillor Jonathan S. Myers
Councillor Walter J. Sullivan
Councillor William H. Walsh
Councillor Ed Cyr
Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Mike Rosenberg, Assistant City Manager
George Teso, Traffic Department
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U R G E N T !!

M E M O

TO: Members of the Board & Staff

FROM: Jack

RE: Termination of Disability Benefits & Asylum Programs

DATE: 5/17/91

Today, I was informed that the Massachusetts House of Representatives removed the budgetary line item for the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation. For CASLS this means that funding for our Immigration Unit and at least one of our Benefit unit positions would be terminated. This comes to about \$120,000 and would mean several layoffs.

PLEASE call your state representative immediately and urge that the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation line in the budget be restored. The item is #0321-1600 and totals approximately 2 million dollars.

When calling, it is important to make the following points to legislators:

1. Our immigration work saves lives we have helped hundreds of persons avoid being deported and being forced to return to persecution, torture, and possible death.
2. Our work in the benefits area places persons in federal disability programs who would otherwise have no income or be on General Relief. If General Relief is retained this program will save money for Massachusetts. If General Relief is eliminated, obtaining income from federal disability programs will be even more important to our clients.
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A list of legislators is enclosed. Please call me with any questions.

Councillor Toomey

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ORDERED: That Her Honor, The Chair of the
City Council Traffic & Transportation
Committee to hold a public hearing
on the issue of Truck Traffic
in East Cambridge.

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 20, 1991

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That Her Honor, the Chair of the City Council Traffic and Transportation Committee, to hold a public hearing on the issue of truck traffic in East Cambridge.

In City Council May 20, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk

Order # 29

S-711A

Councillor Toomey re: public hearing on the
issue of truck traffic in East Cambridge.

In City Council,

May 20, 1991

ORDER ADOPTED

*Referred to the
Traffic & Transportation
Committee
Copy sent to Traffic &
Transportation Committee
5/23/91 (du)*