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Members of the Cambridge City Council  
City Hall  
Cambridge, MA 02139

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Dear City Councillor Member,

At their preliminary deliberations on the Holmes proposal this past Tuesday, Feb. 3, the Planning Board indicated that they wanted Holmes to "go back to the Drawing Board" to explore a variety of options that might more fully address concerns of both the Board and of the Community.

This is encouraging news and we largely welcome this turn of events. However, there does not yet seem to have been established any mechanism whereby the Community - especially the large number of people with grave reservations about the proposal as presently conceived - may participate directly in any meaningful way in this extremely important "transitional" phase, where possible changes may take place, and <sup>where</sup> the future shape of any new building may be determined.

In a number of other situations involving similar controversial "development," the City - often through the ~~the~~ Community Development Department - have helped provide resources and facilitation for a mediation for conflicting interests and points of view - e.g. Alwicks Working Group, Library Siting, etc.

We ask that you do the same for our community on this most

important issue for the future of Central Square,  
and of Cambridge as a whole.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
(for Save Central Square!)

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Consent Communication #8

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Communication was received from  
James Williamson, regarding the  
Holmes proposal.

In City Council February 9, 1998

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