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To: City Councilors
Cambridge, MA 02138

Date: August 31, 2001

Re: Excessive truck noise; trash pick-up noise

The noise level in Cambridge this summer has reached the point of being unbearable. Not only the construction work being done all over the city but the excessive truck noise is indefensible. Massachusetts Ave. has become a thoroughfare for large, noisy trucks late at night, banging and bouncing on the uneven tarmac, roaring their loud motors. Private trash companies pick up trash well before the permissible hour in the morning. I have been awakened 3 days a week all summer long by a McGeoghan trash truck emptying a dumpster behind the 1720 block on Mass. Ave. in the block where the Boca Grande Restaurant, Porter Square Press, and others are. The truck is particularly noisy, beep-beep-beep backing sounds, grinding gears, whining motor, and the sound of the dumpster itself being scraped across the pavement. The driver arrives anytime between 4:00 and 5:30 am. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I have called the police and registered a complaint several times, but unless they set up a trap the driver is in and out before they can arrive, if they even make an attempt. Meanwhile my sleep is ruined and I have to go to work 3 days a week exhausted. This does a great deal to make Cambridge an undesirable place to live and reflects poorly on the administrators of the city. I hope that something can be done to vastly improve the situation and that the noise ordinance that is in effect will also be enforced!

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Consent Communication #2

A communication was received from Roxane Coombs, regarding excessive truck noise and trash pick-up noise.

In City Council September 24, 2001

*Referred to the
City Manager*