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City Clerk
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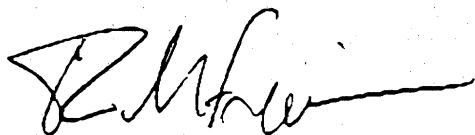
re: Public Comment for City Council Meeting, June 3, 1996

We would like to express our concern about the use of pesticides in parks and other public spaces in Cambridge. It is important to us as parents of two young children that the city does whatever possible to completely avoid the use of pesticides.

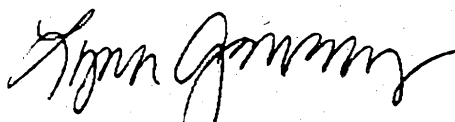
Even when applied properly, most pesticides carry some proven or potential health risks. Given the heavy use our public spaces receive, it is very difficult for correct procedures to be adhered to (such as avoiding contact with pesticides for up to 24 hours after each application). In addition, we believe there are suitable alternatives to chemical applications.

We urge the City Council and City Manager to extend the moratorium on pesticide and herbicide use, and to develop alternative practices for maintenance of public spaces in Cambridge. Alternatively, we request that chemical applications are only done when warranted by specific situations.

Sincerely,



Richard Freierman



Lynn Gervens

Consent Communication #9

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Communication was received from
Richard Freierman and Lynn
Gervens, transmitting their
concern about the use of
pesticides in parks and
other public spaces in
Cambridge.

In City Council June 24, 1996

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