



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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February 24, 1977

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: East Cambridge Fire Station

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

The Massachusetts Historical Commission has reviewed your letter of February 23, 1977 and most regrettably consents that the building at 26 Gore Street may be demolished for construction of the proposed fire station. However, you and the City Council should be fully aware that this action constitutes loss of a nonrenewable cultural resource which adds to the ambience of the area and which, if restored, could have been a source of civic pride and an important example of city initiative in historic preservation matters.

It is indeed unfortunate that other pressures have taken precedence over the reasonable approaches to preservation of this building which would be very feasible in ordinary circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Reed Amadon

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Executive Director
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State Historic Preservation Officer

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