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CITY OF SOMERVILLE

Board of Aldermen
October 12, 1989

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge would like to purchase a parcel of property located on Line and Cambridge Street, partly in Somerville and partly in Cambridge, from a private property owner, namely Continental Realty Trust, and
- WHEREAS, said parcel has been leased by the Cambridge Hospital since November 1976, and has been used continuously to date as a parking lot, and
- WHEREAS, the purchase of said property by the City of Cambridge would remove the property from the Somerville tax base and increase the tax burden on Somerville residents and businesses, and
- WHEREAS, previous proposals for this parcel included a parking garage for many vehicles which adversely effects an already congested traffic situation in the Line Street neighborhood, and
- WHEREAS, at the time of that proposal, the neighbors vehemently opposed the parking garage proposal and fought to preserve the residential status of Line Street, and
- WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge and the Cambridge Hospital are now acting very quickly to get a home rule petition approved by the State Legislature to exclude the area neighbors from what should be a very public process, and

WHEREAS, the said parcel is in a Residential B Zone under the Somerville Zoning Ordinance, providing for the development of one, two and three family homes, and

WHEREAS, the purchase of said parcel by the City of Cambridge would exempt the parcel from much of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance under provisions of the so-called "Dover Amendment", and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it,

RESOLVED, that the City of Somerville opposes the Home Rule Petition of the City of Cambridge to permit the City of Cambridge to purchase the land owned by Continental Realty Trust and located partly in Somerville and partly in Cambridge for the purposes of providing parking for the Cambridge Hospital, and further

that the City of Somerville requests our representatives to the Great and General Court, Senator Sal Albano, Representatives Peter Vellucci, Joseph Mackey and Vincent Ciampa, work to defeat this petition to limit the City of Cambridge's encroachment into Somerville neighborhoods, to maintain the residential status of the neighborhood, to preserve the City of Somerville's tax base and to encourage the City of Cambridge to involve Somerville City Government, area residents and businesses in their expansion plans.

Submitted by



Alderman Robert P. Callahan

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Submitted by Ald Callahan

Resolution opposing sale
of land to the City of
Cambridge.

Comm. from the Board of Alderman, City of
Somerville, transmitting a resolution
adopted by the City of Somerville
in opposition to the purchase by the
City of Cambridge of land located on
Line Street for the purpose of providing
parking for the Cambridge Hospital.

In Board of Aldermen

OCT 12 1989

Adopted on Roll Call11 yesArthur B. Bunker

See also item #14

In City Council,

October 30, 1989

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MAYOR

OCT 23 1989

TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Arthur B. Bunker