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THE CITY CLERK

April 25, 1984

Anna Pedroza
147 Columbia Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Pedroza:

Please be advised that the City Council is in receipt of your petition dated April 9, 1984, regarding the inability of residents of Columbia and Harvard Streets to park their cars in their parking space due to members of the congregation at 152 ^{Columbia} Harvard Street utilizing the parking spaces in this area.

The City Council at its meeting of Monday, April 23, 1984, referred your petition to both the City Manager and the Director of Traffic and Parking with the request that they submit a report in this matter. Copies of said petition are presently being forwarded to them for report.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Joseph E. Connarton
Deputy City Clerk.

JEC/mh

April 9, 1984

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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Dear Sir:

The residents of our neighborhood are trying to resolve a problem that has been occurring for a long time, and we have decided to take action. We are faced every day with the annoying problem of not being able to park in our spaces due to the congregation which occupies ~~154~~ ¹⁵² Columbia Street (corners of Harvard & Columbia).

They hold church services every night, except Mondays, from approximately 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm. They use at least seven vehicles each night. When we return home from work, etc. there are no spaces available for us to park. We have asked them to kindly cooperate with us in this matter, but they are not willing to at least limit their vehicles to 2 or 3, which sounds more reasonable.

There are times when they leave their vehicles in our spaces for long lengths of time. Once, the van was left parked for 2 weeks straight. They only have visitor's passes and not permits for this area. It is not right or fair for us to have to park beyond our assigned spaces. This parking situation is truly a serious dilemma. As mentioned, we have tried to resolve this problem with them, but they have not responded so it seems that they do not care. This is why we are writing to you with hope that you can do something about this matter.

May I add, also, that there is a great deal of noise involved, especially during the summer months when they keep their door open. Sometimes they do not leave the premises until 12:00 am. It even extends into the wee hours of 3:00 am and 4:00 am. We can all witness to that, believe me, no exaggerating. These extensive hours and six-day-a-week services are not normal and are outrageous. By 11:30 pm, their cars are gone while our cars are parked blocks away. We are all just tired of having to wait late at night to move our cars back into our spaces. Why should we have to accomodate these people at their convenience?

We cannot let these people "take over" the parking spaces that we have a right to. Some of these people live one or two blocks away, and that's even more aggravating to know that they can walk instead of using all these cars and vans, continuously every night.

We are asking you to please help us in this matter as we are not able to resolve this problem on our own.

Enclosed is a petition signed by the people residing in this neighborhood.

A reply would be greatly appreciated as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,



Anna Pedroza
147 Columbia Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
(491-6548)

NAME	ADDRESS
Anna Pedrosa	147 Columbia St
Lilian Cruz	147 Columbia St
Florentino Cruz	147 Columbia St.
Gledys Meirino	137 Columbia St
Josephine Kemp	140 Columbia St.
Elizabeth Phillips	140 Columbia St.
Mary Brummis	136 Columbia St.
Lorraine Mantuero	135 Columbia St
Mary Velpas	147 Columbia St.
Manuel Maldonado	200 Harvard St
Effie Oulatos	178 Columbia St
Matilda Brummis	136 Columbia St.
Mary Melcher	136 Columbia St.
Juanita Cruz	137 Columbia St Camb. MA
Jose Ramirez	137 Columbia St Camb. MA
Natividad Cruz	147 Columbia St. Camb. MA
Ethel Arthur	147 Columbia St. "
John A Burns	147 Columbia St
Michelle K	195 Harvard St.
Gregory Schill	199 Harvard St Camb.
Elizabeth Daniels	145 Harvard St
Jasmine Francis	189 Harvard St
Lemonia Kokori	180 COLUMBIA ST. CAM.
Arturo McCluskey	173 COLUMBIA ST.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Fitzpatrick	161 Columbia St.
Marjorie Dwyer	132 Columbia St
Emma Lee Sandeyster	124 Columbia St
Rodolfo RODRIGUEZ	147 COLUMBIA ST

Petition of Anna Pedroza, et al Re: their inability to park their cars in the Columbia St. & Harvard St. area due to members of the congregation at 152 Columbia St. utilizing the parking spaces available in the area & requesting the Council's assistance in this matter.

Letter sent to petitioner, stating that the petition was referred to the City Mgr. & Traffic Director (copy within) 4/25/84
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In City Council,

April 23, 1984

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