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CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE REVIEW BOARD

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I AM WRITING TO YOU BECAUSE I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE REMOVAL OF OFFICER MARK MAHONEY FROM CENTRAL SQUARE. I UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS REMOVED FROM THE SQUARE BECAUSE HE DID NOT WRITE ENOUGH PARKING TICKETS.

1. WHAT IS ENOUGH TICKETS ? DO POLICE OFFICERS HAVE A QUOTA OF HOW MANY TICKETS THEY HAVE TO WRITE IN A GIVEN PERIOD ? ARE THE OFFICERS AWARE OF THEIR TICKET PRODUCTIVITY QUOTA ? WAS OFFICER MAHONEY MADE AWARE OF IT ?

2. IS THERE A MESSAGE TO ALL POLICE OFFICERS ? EITHER WRITE MORE TICKETS, OR BE REASSIGNED TO ANOTHER LOCATION. IS OFFICER MARK MAHONEY BEING USED AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF ONE DOES NOT WRITE ENOUGH PARKING TICKETS ?

AS A LONG TIME MERCHANT IN CENTRAL SQUARE THIS MAKES ME EXTREMELY SCARED. EVERYBODY IN BUSINESS IS STRUGGLING JUST TO SURVIVE. CENTRAL SQUARE'S ECONOMY IS FRAGILE. IT DOES NOT NEED A BARRAGE OF BRUTAL TICKET WRITING WHICH WILL PUSH CUSTOMERS OUT OF CENTRAL SQUARE.

CONTROLLING TRAFFIC THROUGH CENTRAL SQUARE IS NO EASY TASK. FOR EXAMPLE TRUCKS MAKING DELIVERIES, SHORT TERM CUSTOMER PARKING, AND YET WITH ALL THAT'S GOING ON THERE ARE NO DOUBLE PARKING PROBLEMS. I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PHILOSOPHY OF ASSAULTING CENTRAL SQUARE PATRONS WITH PARKING TICKETS FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT A SMOOTH FLOW OF TRAFFIC ALREADY EXISTS. TICKET BLITZING WILL HURT ALL RETAIL MERCHANT'S HOPES OF DOING BUSINESS IN CENTRAL SQUARE.



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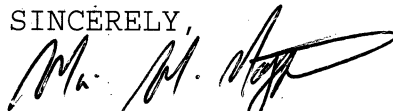
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AS YOU KNOW CENTRAL SQUARE IS UNDERGOING MAJOR CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, I HOPE WOULD BE UNDERSTANDING AND HELPFUL IN ELEVATING THE ADDED CONGESTION AND CONFUSION THAT THIS TYPE OF UNDERTAKING CAUSES. ONCE AGAIN, HANDING OUT TICKETS LEFT AND RIGHT IS NOT THE SOLUTION TO A SMOOTH AND SAFE FLOW OF TRAFFIC. OFFICER MARK MAHONEY DOES A GOOD JOB MANAGING TRAFFIC ACTIVITY. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OFFICER MARK MAHONEY BACK IN CENTRAL SQUARE.

YOUR RESPONSE IN THIS MATTER WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY,


MORRIS M. NAGGAR

CC: CENTRAL SQUARE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, CARL F. BARRON
CITY MANAGER, ROBERT HEALY
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, RICHARD ROSSI
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CENTRAL SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

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Communication was received from Morris
Naggar, DBA Manhattan, 563 Massachusetts
Avenue, transmitting his concern about the
removal of Officer Mark Mahoney from
Central Square.

In City Council July 29, 1996

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