

2/24/03

Dear City Council Members,

I have been teaching many years in the City of Cambridge. While it has never been easy to park at the Fletcher-Maynard, lately it has been hopeless.

It is very difficult to go into work to teach when for 15-20 minutes before you have driven around the building. It is very demoralizing and frustrating.

Please consider our problem and give us less stressful mornings.

Mary Ann Glendon

Charlotte Clements

Rosemary Deane

Clare Lundberg

Celine Cohen

Jill Mervin - Scabrook

Betty Snell

Jean Swirehead

Alie Stehenberg

Patricia Duggan

MaryAnn Glassbrook

Sandra Picca

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Julia Smith
Phyllis Newton

Norothy A. Brown

Maryellen Collins

Kathleen Clark

Sue Young

Christine Johnson

Melissa Weir

~~David A.~~
Paul Loren
John Connell
Janie Sargent
Eric Burns

16 Hewett Circle
Needham, MA. 02494
February 17, 2003

Dear City Council Members:

One of the Core Values of the Fletcher-Maynard Academy is Respect. Not only are the students taught to respect each others' culture, religion and lifestyle, but also to respect each others' feelings. I find it ironic that the Cambridge School Department shows no respect to the dedicated, hard working teachers who do not reside in Cambridge. Some of us drive over an hour to be able to enrich the lives of the children at the Fletcher-Maynard Academy.

Once we arrive at school our nearly impossible mission is to find a parking space. If we are unable to locate one of the few "legal" spots we are faced with a daily \$15 parking ticket. Is this fair? We are not coming into Cambridge to go shopping or to see a movie. We require a parking space so we can do what we were hired to do-teach the children of Cambridge.

Not providing parking shows a total lack of respect to our teachers. This situation could easily be solved by granting us permits which say-"Teacher parking from 7-3." This would not cost any money and would show that Cambridge truly does respect all teachers.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Arlene Cohen

Lolly Lincoln/Bob Gibson
225 Brookline Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

February 24, 2003

To all the honorable members of the city council:

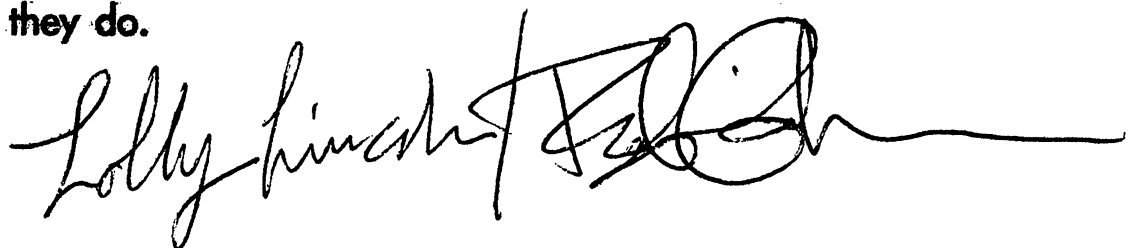
On behalf of my colleagues at the Fletcher-Maynard Academy, where I am the K-8 art teacher, I appeal to you to make parking available for nonresident faculty. As you know, teaching salaries, and many municipal employee salaries, barely keep up with the cost of living in Greater Boston. Few of us can afford \$75.00/week to park at work. It is sad to see our hardworking staff feeling disrespected and devalued. It is sad to hear a 30-year veteran teacher being told to *just take the T*. Our family would like to present two proposals to you:

Why not offer all municipal employees the opportunity to purchase a special parking permit with *strict restrictions* on use, for example, only for use Monday-Friday, from 6am-6pm? (This will not increase traffic, these cars are here already, they're just being ticketed.)

Or,

Why not lift all residential parking restrictions on our neighborhood streets weekdays, between 6am and 6pm? At 6pm make all parking *residential only* and ticket illegally parked nonresidential cars between 6pm and 2am? This would make workweek parking easier for everyone, while encouraging the nightclub crowds to take a cab or the T.

As residents of Cambridge, my family would support these ideas **even though we face the daily parking challenge of on-street parking and not owning a driveway or garage**. We support our children's teachers, our police and our firefighters and all municipal employees in their right to park at work. Because we do respect and value the work they do.

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February 24, 2003

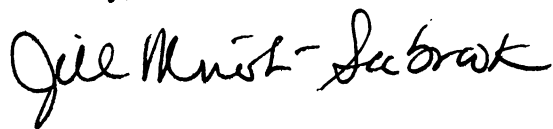
To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jill Minot-Seabrook and I have worked as a speech pathologist in Cambridge since 1986. Throughout the years school parking has been an issue BUT never to the extent as it has been at the Fletcher Maynard Academy for the last two and half years!

Since I am not a resident of the city, I have received many tickets during school hours due to the Resident Parking restrictions. As a matter of fact, I have paid \$425 in parking fines since I started working at the Fletcher Maynard Academy in September, 2000. I do understand the need for your policy under normal circumstances, however I do believe that it is unjust to tax your teacher employees with this restriction during school hours. After all we (the teachers) come to school to teach the children of Cambridge. After the cost of traveling from Dover, NH to Cambridge, MA for two (2) hours one way, the last thing that I can afford is more expense for parking tickets and the time and worry to search for a "legal parking space" during school hours for which I do not qualify for since I am not a resident of the city.

Thus your reconsideration of the Resident Parking restrictions for the faculty at the Fletcher Maynard Academy would be greatly appreciated due to the fact we do not have a designated school parking lot like most other schools in the city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Minot-Seabrook". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill Minot-Seabrook
Speech Pathologist
Fletcher-Maynard Academy



Monday, February 24, 2003 8:56:20 AM

Message

From:  Maryellen Collins

Subject:

To:  Jackie Carroll

Dear Ms. Carroll,

I am a non resident teacher at the Fletcher Maynard Academy located at 225 Windsor Street. I am writing to you to inquire about the lot that is behind the building at 216 Broadway, Cambridge. I have been told that the Neighborhood or a Better Community owns this lot and that you are on the Board of Directors. I and several other staff members of the Fletcher Maynard would like to request permission to come before the board and discuss our dilemma of having no where to park in the neighborhood. Can you please let me know the name of the person who heads the board or who the secretary is so that I can contact to arrange a meeting? Thanks in advance for your time and effort in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Maryellen Collins
Fletcher Maynard

cc: Paul Toner, CTA President

Dear Ms. Collins;

In response to your e-mail of 02-12-03, Somerville does have a program to provide parking for teachers. The system is administered by the Parking Clerk, Elaine Leccese. To simplify the system, our teachers work with a designated contact person at their school, (commonly but not necessarily the school secretary) The teachers must provide a copy of their registration with their application. Individual schools send their "batches" of applications to Traffic & Parking where they are processed and sent back to the school sites for distribution. The placards note the appropriate location near their school where they are allowed to park. (This is printed right on their parking placard). The cost of the teachers permit is \$5.00. Teachers that are residents of Somerville would not need a placard as they would be eligible to park city-wide with their Residential Permit. I hope this information is helpful. James A. O'Connell/Administrative Assistant.

—Original Message—

From: Maryellen Collins

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2003 12:21 PM

To:

Subject: parking for public school teachers

Dear Director Lyons,

I am writing to you to find out if the City of Somerville issues parking stickers/decals to their public school teachers for the purpose of parking during the school day only. I am making this inquiry on behalf of Cambridge public school teachers. Thank you for your time and effort in this matter.

yours,

Sincerely

Maryellen

***LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF EVERETT
COMMON COUNCIL
April 2, 2001**



Ordinance Offered by L. Charles DiPerri

**BE IT ORDAINED: BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF EVERETT, as follows:**

That the Revised Ordinances of the City of Everett, Chapter 18 Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article V Parking, Stopping and Standing, Division 1 Generally is hereby amended by adding Section 18-149 Parking stickers in Metered Areas.

Section 18-149 Parking Stickers in Metered Areas

Section 18-149.1 Generally

In order to more efficiently regulate parking in the City of Everett and to more effectively Collect fees for parking at metered spaces within the city, the Parking Clerk is hereby authorized to administer a program through which eligible individuals, as defined below, may purchase Parking Stickers from the Parking Clerk for a fee. Vehicles bearing a current, valid sticker would be exempt from parking meter fees in designated areas for each month for which a Parking Sticker is purchased and affixed to the vehicle. This ordinance shall become effective on July 2, 2001.

Section 18-149.2 Definitions.

(a) Parking Stickers: a device that will be affixed, in an area on the vehicle designated by the Parking Clerk, to the vehicle of an eligible person. Said Parking Stickers will bear the emblem of the Parking Clerk and the registration number of the vehicle to which it is affixed. Said parking stickers will not be transferable or assignable.

(b) Eligible Persons: the following persons are eligible to purchase parking stickers:

1. Residents of the City of Everett, with proof of residency.
2. Owners of businesses located within the City of Everett.
3. Persons employed by businesses located within the City of Everett. With proof of employment.
4. Persons employed by the City of Everett.

(c) Vehicles:

1. The following vehicles are not eligible under this Ordinance:
 - (a) Vehicles that have a carrying capacity of more than one ton

(b) Buses

(c) Truck tractors

(d) Vehicles that exceed twenty feet in length

(e) Vehicles bearing LV (livery) license plates.

2. Eligible vehicles shall:

(a) Have a valid vehicle registration and be insured.

(b) Have no unpaid parking violations.

(c) Have no unpaid vehicle excise tax.

Section 18-149.3 Fees.

The fee for a Parking Sticker for metered areas shall be determined by the Parking Clerk with approval of the Everett City Council and the Mayor.

Parking stickers will be issued for not less than one (1) month and not more than one (1) year.

Section 18-149.4 Certain Areas Excluded

(a) Parking Stickers will not be valid in metered service zone areas.

(b) The Parking Clerk shall determine metered areas in which the Parking Stickers are not valid. Metered areas that are excluded for use by vehicles with Parking Stickers shall be signed to indicate such.

(c) A list of areas excluded for use shall be kept on file at the office of the Parking Clerk.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

April 2, 2001 Enrolled in the Common Council

April 9, 2001 Enrolled in the Board of Aldermen

April 17, 2001 Ordained in the Common Council

April 23, 2001 Ordained in the Board of Aldermen

May 2, 2001 Approved by the Mayor: /s/ David Ragucci

I support the non-resident staff members of the Fletcher Maynard Academy parking in my neighborhood for school activities only.

Print Name: Signature: *Elsie Colon* Address:

Elsie Colon	184 Harvard St.	184 Harvard St.
Renee Townes	182 HARVARD ST.	Renee Townes
Aurea Colon	Aurea Colon	140 Harvard St
Jared Hickey	184 Harvard St. 2B	Jared Hickey
Ara Cardona	345 Washington St	Ara Cardona
Kamari Brea	102 COLUMBIA ST.	Kamari Brea
Condorcia Tove	43 May St. Camb.	Condorcia Tove
Joe Boatman	72 School St	Joe Boatman
JAN MAXWELL	234 COCHRAN LN	JAN MAXWELL
Dina Dinkley	152 Columbia	Dina Dinkley
William Sanich	109 Windsor	William Sanich
Jamie Townes	182 Harvard St	Jamie Townes
GREGORY Hollocum	9150 ARDISMAN ST Holliston	Camb. MA 02139
ORLANDO CARTAGENA	Orlando Cartagena	174 HARVARD ST
Hulenti H	H. H	160 HARVARD ST
Raquel C. Hernandez	Raquel Hernandez	180 WASHINGTON ST CAMB.
FRANCIS DIXON	Francis Dixon	110 HARVARD ST. 6
Niko McLean	Niko McLean	Cherry St Cambridge
Hudson Quinn	Hudson Quinn	184 B.B.
ANTONIO ORTIZ	ANTONIO ORTIZ	160 Columbia St
Dalies Colon	Dalies Colon	17 Plymouth St.

February 24, 2003

Honorable Members of the City Council,

My name is Leslie Feeley-Brooks and I've been a teacher at the Roberts, Maynard, Fletcher-Maynard Academy for 35 years. During that time I've earned a Masters Degree plus many extra hours beyond. I've attended more workshops and special trainings than I can count.

When I was hired by Cambridge I felt proud and privileged because, in those days, a non-Cambridge resident had to meet a different, more strenuous set of requirements and certifications than those candidates who lived in Cambridge. When the, then, Superintendent, Tobin told me that I was hired after a grueling hour-long interview, I was so elated and exhausted that my knees shook all the way out the door.

During these 35 years I've had two children and never missed a year of school. I've never been to a 1st day of school for my own children because Cambridge opened on the same day. Cambridge and the children needed me!

If asked now, "Would you do it again?" I'd reply "Hell no, I'd go to every

opening day, every art exhibit, every poetry reading and science fair

because the City of Cambridge does not respect or value all my years of dedication to its children. All it takes is a special sticker for my car allowing me and my colleagues to park around our school during school hours.

Every morning its a near compulsive hunt for parking. Blood pressure rises, anxiety sets in and adrenaline pumps as I discover I'm running 5 minutes late; and its only 6:10 in the morning. What a way for your child's teacher to start the day!

Isn't it ludicrous that, the same city that entrusts its most precious commodity, its children, for us to teach and nurture for 6 hours a day, won't allow us to park near and around our school.

The long and short of this whole situation is RESPECT. We, as teachers, are not respected for what we do. In disrespecting us; you disrespect your very own children!

Jessie Feeley-Brooks

February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

I support the non resident staff members of the Fletcher Maynard Academy parking in my neighborhood for school and after school activities only.

From,



Signature

17 Plymouth St, Apt. 1

Address

Cambridge, MA 02141-1913

February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

I support the non resident staff members of the Fletcher Maynard Academy parking in my neighborhood for school and after school activities only.

From,

Esaral Cattrez

Signature

3 Newport Rd., Apt #3

Address

Cambridge, MA 02140

February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

I support the non resident staff members of the Fletcher Maynard Academy parking in my neighborhood for school and after school activities only.

From,

Walter Corbett
Signature

11 Newtowne Ct # 48
Address
Andover, MA 02132

February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

I support the non resident staff members of the Fletcher Maynard Academy parking in my neighborhood for school and after school activities only.

From,

Elizabeth Burgess

Signature

*22 Howard Street
Cambridge, MA 02139*

Address

February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

I support the non resident staff members of the Fletcher Maynard Academy parking in my neighborhood for school and after school activities only.

From,

Edward G. Jenner

Signature

76 Howard St.
Cambridge, MA.

Address

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Dear Cambridge City Council,

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From,

Edward R. Calinan

Signature

17 Palermo St.

Address

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From,

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Signature

50 YORK ST #102

Address CAMBRIDGE MA

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Mania J. Sousa
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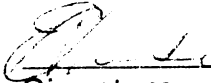
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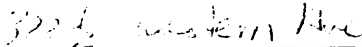
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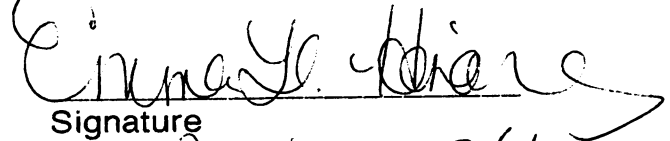
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From,


Signature

19 Newtowne Ct Apt # 78
Address

Camb. MA 02139

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Dear Cambridge City Council,

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From,

Cheyenne G. McCarty
Signature

192 Elm st.
Address

Camb., MA 02139

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From,

Germano James

Signature

76 Howard St.

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Cambridge, 02139

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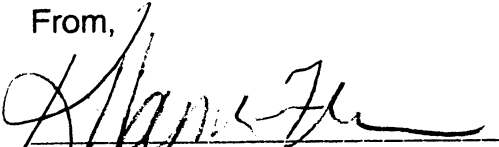


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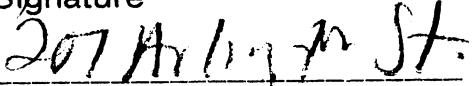
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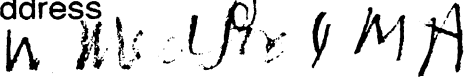
From,

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Signature

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Address

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February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

I support the non resident staff members of the Fletcher Maynard Academy parking in my neighborhood for school and after school activities only.

From, Marina Serrano

Marina Serrano
Signature

36 Richardson Road
Address Belmont, MA

February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

I support the non resident staff members of the Fletcher Maynard Academy parking in my neighborhood for school and after school activities only.

From,

Maria C. C.

Signature

60 Bishop Allen Dr. #1

Address

February 13, 2003

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From,

Hill Carter

Signature

192 Elm St

Address

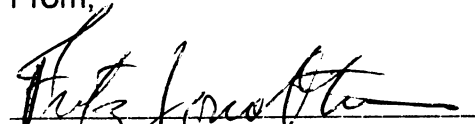
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From,


Signature

30 Newtown Ct # 208
Address
Cambridge MA 02139

February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

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From,

Eugene H. Rankin

Signature

137 Cherry St Cambridge 02135

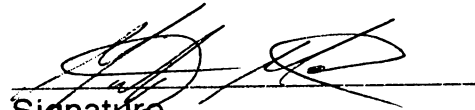
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Signature

116 Harvard St #c1
Address
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From,

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Signature

28 Lopez St Apt I

Address

Cambridge, MA 02139

February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

I support the non resident staff members of the Fletcher Maynard Academy parking in my neighborhood for school and after school activities only.

From,

Michelle Mason

Signature

169 Windsor St #3


Address Cambridge MA 02139

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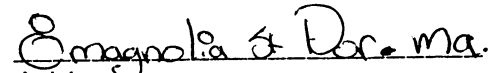
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Signature (Dad)

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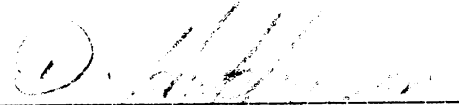
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Signature

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Address

February 13, 2003

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From,

Ma P. Doffey

Signature

113 Hampshire St. Apt 26

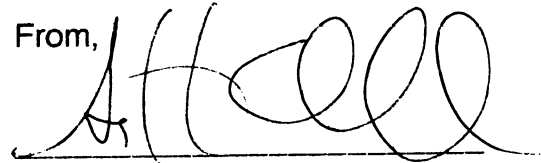
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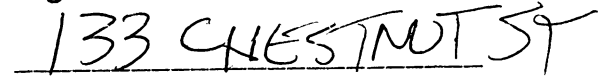
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Signature

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Address

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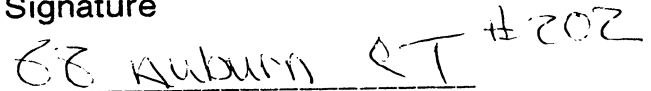
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Signature

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Address

February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

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From,

Jana Fusco
Signature

533 hp Allen Dr
Address

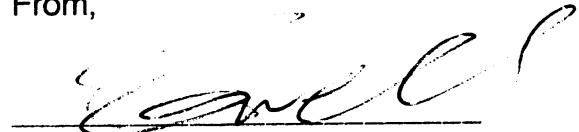
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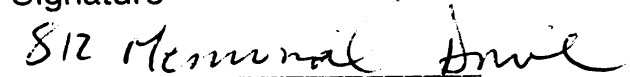
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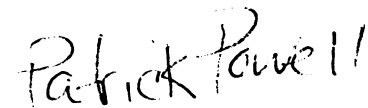
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Signature

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Address

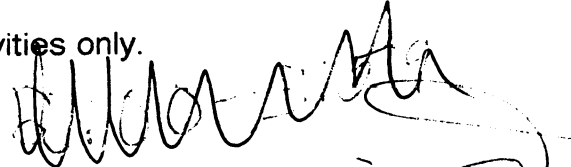
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From,



Paula Paul
Signature

13 Howard St #1
Address

Yannelys David Lopez
X
Bella



February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

I support the non resident staff members of the Fletcher Maynard Academy parking in my neighborhood for school and after school activities only.

From,

S. Armstrong
Signature

44 Market St., Camb.
Address

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Dear Cambridge City Council,

I support the non resident staff members of the Fletcher Maynard Academy parking in my neighborhood for school and after school activities only.

From,

Maria Jones
Signature

264 Putnam Ave #3
Address

Cambridge MA 02139

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Dear Cambridge City Council,

Rashad

I support the non resident staff members of the Fletcher Maynard Academy parking in my neighborhood for school and after school activities only.

From,

Elsie P. P. P.
Signature

10 New Street Ct
Address
Cambridge ma

February 13, 2003

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From,

W. Kerney
Signature
258 Prospect St.
Camb, MA 02139
Address

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From,



Signature



Address

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Dear Cambridge City Council,

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From,

Kathleen M. Pilarski
Signature

115 Spring St.
Address

February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

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From,

James T. ...
Signature

55 ... Allen Dr #3
Address

Cambridge

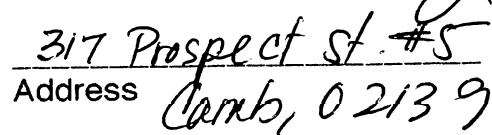
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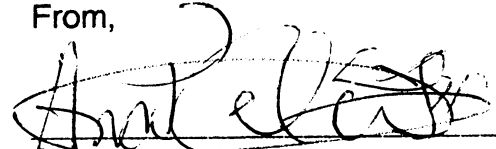
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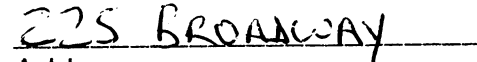
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Signature

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February 13, 2003

Dear Cambridge City Council,

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From,

Veronica Allan

Signature

60-5 Laurel St Cambridge

Address

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From,

Jennieta Rankissoo

Signature

67-B Columbia St.

Address

February 13, 2003

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From,

Magela Frustil
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Cambridge Teachers Association

February 13, 2003

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City Clerk
Cambridge City Council
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Cambridge, MA 02139

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Paul F. Toner, President
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To the Honorable Members of the City Council:

I want to thank Councillor E. Denise Simmons for her late order on February 10, 2003 concerning the parking shortage at the Fletcher-Maynard School and I thank all of you for your unanimous vote. The shortage, however, is not limited to the Fletcher-Maynard. The Longfellow School has also been negatively impacted over the years.

Superintendent D'Alessandro and her staff have received some additional spaces on Harvard Street from the Traffic Department and she has investigated options for parking in private lots around these schools. Unfortunately, these efforts have not been enough to resolve the severe parking shortages at the Fletcher-Maynard and Longfellow Schools. The Longfellow has a staff of approximately seventy (70) and the Fletcher-Maynard has a staff of approximately one hundred (100). Combined they have less than 25 secured parking spaces.

In many cases the teachers in these schools are arriving at 6:00 A.M. in order to secure one of the few parking spaces. Others are either paying hundreds of dollars for parking spots or being forced to risk being ticketed. Teaching is difficult enough but the added stress of having to arrive hours before school opens or, even worse, having to circle your school building repeatedly only to park illegally and then be ticketed and tow is demoralizing. This situation has caused teachers to be late and requires them to regularly run out of school to feed the parking meter both of which disrupt the education of their students.

I am asking for your continued support in working with the Superintendent to make further progress in securing adequate parking at all schools. Article 15, Paragraph A, Section 9A of the Agreement Between the School Committee and the Cambridge Teachers Association, (Unit A and B) states that "Where practical and possible... An adequate parking area at each school will be reserved for teachers' cars. Decals will be provided. The School committee will ask the Traffic Commissioner and City Manager in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency to issue parking permits to teachers." (p.20). I realize that a long term solution to the severe shortage at the Fletcher-Maynard and the Longfellow Schools may take some time, therefore, I would like to request that the City Council consider granting the teachers at the Fletcher-Maynard and Longfellow schools amnesty for tickets they have received this year. I would further ask that you grant the staffs of both schools neighborhood parking privileges during school hours only until the City Manager, Traffic Department and the Superintendent can develop a long term solution.

I appreciate your taking the time to listen to our concerns and I look forward to working with you in seeking resolution to this very real problem faced by my members on a daily basis. Working with the staff in these schools, I believe we can identify numerous options that we can all support.

Sincerely,

Paul Toner,
President

xc: Superintendent D'Alessandro
Cambridge School Committee
Fletcher-Maynard Staff
Longfellow Staff

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Communication #6

A communication was received from Paul Toner, President Cambridge Teacher Association, regarding the parking shortage at the Fletcher-Maynard and Longfellow Schools.

In City Council February 24, 2003

**REFERRED TO THE CITY
MANAGER.**