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November 25, 1988

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Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

Dear Mr. Connarton:

I have just received your letter of November 23, 1988. Earlier this morning I delivered to your office a follow-up to my letter of November 12, 1988 to the City Council. That letter was carefully written to factually and, hopefully, delicately state the facts behind the occurrences with regard to the November 12, 1988 letter.

Enclosed is a copy of the cover letter of the package I gave in hand to the City Council on November 7, 1988. It was a response to an item on the motions list on November 7. I had the information requested by Councillor Duehay in my possession. I thought it would be of value to the City Council to give them the information promptly.

I HAVE FREQUENTLY AND LOUDLY PRAISED THE WORK PERFORMED BY YOUR OFFICE. I continue to do so. The letter delivered this morning is very carefully worded to imply NO SCREW-UP WHATSOEVER BY YOUR OFFICE.

It is carefully worded to PRAISE VICE MAYOR'S WOLF'S EFFORTS, but I must recognize the facts of the situation.

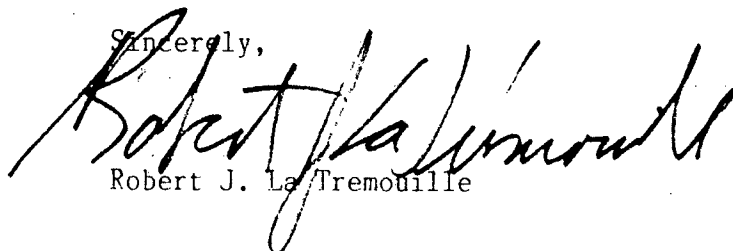
My November 12, 1988, letter was mailed to the City Council, c/o the City Clerk. It is entirely possible that the mail room delivered it directly to the City Council office. I do not know what happened to it. I DO WANT TO CLEAN UP THE RECORD, AND HOPE THAT THE COPY DELIVERED ON NOVEMBER 23, IS IN THE PACKET.

My November 25, 1988, follow-up can reasonably go into either next Monday's Packet or the following week's.

Please, let's keep this side-bar confusion totally out of sight. The situation on the zoning is confused enough.

I repeat, as I have so many times. YOUR OFFICE IS DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB.

Sincerely,



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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL:

Tonight, as council order number 2, Councillor Duehay asked questions of the City Manager concerning the Grand Junction railroad tracks in East Cambridge. Enclosed are maps showing the MBTA's most recent and, publicly stated, most likely use of those tracks. These are alternatives 3C, Core LRT, and 5D, Mini Metro Core Alignment, in the MBTA's Circumferential Transit Feasibility Study. Also enclosed are their consultant's Daily Station Boarding Projections. These documents are from the T's August 2, 1988 public meeting on the subject.

Both likely alignments would involve underground transportation in a corridor linking Kendall, Simplex/Mass.Ave, Simplex/Putnam Ave., B.U. Bridge at Commonwealth/Green Line, connections with the Beacon Street and Riverside Green Lines somewhere around Park Drive, Harvard Medical School on Longwood, and Ruggles Station/Orange Line.

The Street Car/LRT option was described as being on the surface between Kendall and Lechmere on 1st, 2d (no automobile traffic allowed on the street) or 3d Street, with storage near the new Lechmere station. The Rapid Transit(Orange Line type)/Mini - Metro Option would continue underground from Kendall to Lechmere and surface for travel to Community College where storage would be.

Use of the Grand Junction line next to the Binney Garage and the concerned neighbors was rejected as uneconomic: insufficient ridership protections.

Since I find the idea of surface Streetcars on 1st, 2d or 3d Street to be nonsense, and since the ridership projections are excellent, I believe the Rapid Transit (Orange Line) option to be the most likely.

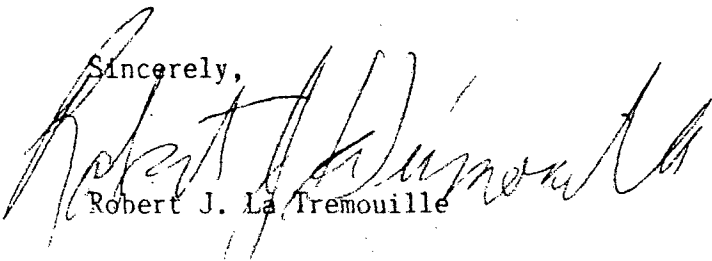
With storage at Community College, and a twenty year projection for total completion, this would indicate Orange Line - type connection to Simplex within a ten year period, given favorable friends in Washington.

Please be advised that I strongly objected to the idea of a Rapid Transit station at Putnam Avenue in the Simplex wasteland for obvious reasons.

Sincerely,

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Encl (motion cc)
1. Stations
2. Boarding Projections





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November 23, 1988

JOHN E. FLYNN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Robert J. La Tremouille, Esq.
60 Western Avenue
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Dear Mr. LaTremouille:

Please be advised it has been brought to my attention that you have indicated the attached communication was mailed to this office and I neglected to transmit same to the City Council. This is totally incorrect.

As you recall, the communication in question was delivered in hand by you during the City Council meeting of Monday, November 7, 1988, at which point I asked you why you failed to comply with Rule No. 20 of the Rules of the City Council. Specifically, that all correspondence, regardless of its description, which may require action by the City Council shall be presented to me no later than 5 P.M. on the preceding Thursday of each regularly scheduled Council meeting. You failed to respond to my question at that time. However, since the communication required attention by certain municipal departments, the communication was forwarded to the Community Development Department where it was reviewed and acted upon. The Community Development Department has since taken corrective action, addressing the points which you raised. I am also informed by the Community Development Department that you are in receipt of their response concerning the above-referenced communication.

As I have repeatedly told you, I will not be held responsible for the lack of action by either the City Council or this office based on communications which are not submitted to me in accordance with Council Rules.

As you well know, this office has been extremely cooperative to your many, many requests for communications, orders and other pertinent documents, and if you expect this level of cooperation to continue, I must insist upon you following the Rules of the City Council as does everyone else.

Finally, since the communication in question was delivered in hand by you, and subsequently responded to by the Community Development Department, your communication has been placed on file.

I anticipate your cooperation in this regard in the future.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph E. Connarton
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Enclosure

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This provision was approved by vote of the city council on or about June 23, 1984. It was the only approved provision in a package of distressingly offensive "technical amendments" proposed by the Development Department. One of these provisions, -that the Department apparently wanted the most, was an attempt to reverse a Board of Zoning Appeals decision. That change, if approved, would have made the new projects on Frost Rd./Newport Rd. and on Maple Ave. even more offensive to the neighborhoods. On the second try Walter Sullivan pulled the change off the table on the day it was about to die. The city council's vote was unanimously against that development department.

The Development Department was unable to sneak through the damaging changes they really wanted, so they conveniently forgot the one constructive provision, and forgot that it passed.

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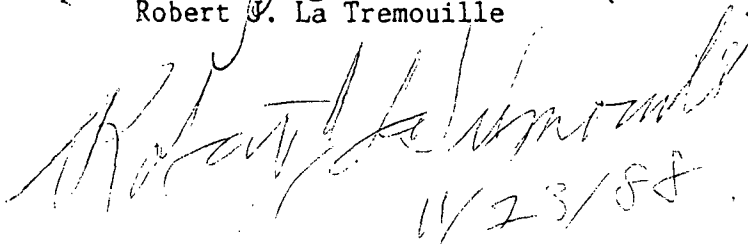
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I am, as usual, frequently referring to the zoning ordinance. I will inform the Council of further oddities which harm the city, but which assist the career development of its employees.

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cc: Affected residents


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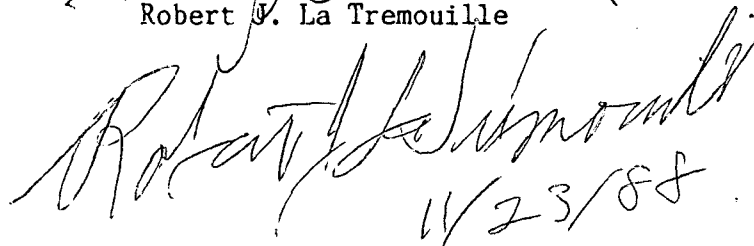
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Comm. from Robert J. LaTremouille, Esq., Re:
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recent reprinting of the Zoning Ordinance:
"5.53 In a Residence A-1 and A-2 Districts only
one structure containing a principle use shall
be allowed per lot".

In City Council,
November 28, 1988

11-28-88

Placed on file.