



City of Cambridge

54.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 12, 1990

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council within one week the action that will be taken to eliminate the problems as outlined by the residents of Decatur Street to insure the peace and safety of those residents.

In City Council March 12, 1990.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



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February 26, 1990

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Daniel C. Steinkrauss
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Joseph W. Kronberg
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The Bakers
25 Decatur Street
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E. J. Sutherland
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Mr. & Mrs. John Nottage
13 Decatur Street
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Eleanor Steinkrauss
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Cambridge, MA 02139

Geraldine McCarthy
32 Decatur Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Kathleen Corbett
25 Decatur Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Wheeler Manufacturing Corp.
155 Brookline Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

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February 1, 1990

CAMBRIDGE MA.

To: The Members of the Cambridge City Council

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to direct your attention to a serious problem facing our neighborhood. I feel that the problem can be overcome, despite the fact that all efforts to work within the present city laws and procedures, and with the officials and offices of this city, have yeilded no satisfactory results.

For this reason, the residents of Decatur Street are requesting a hearing concerning our problems. Our street is approximately 2/3 residential and 1/3 industrial. The wants and needs of the businesses on this street are coming above those of it's residents. We feel we must protest this.

Life here has become unbearable due to the auto body shops and Wheeler Manufacturing Co., which share our street. The shops work when they want to from 7:00 A.M. - 12:00 A.M., seven days a week. Sidewalks are blocked with debris and cars. Their lots have become junkyards, storing cars in varying degrees of disrepair, and their broken parts for months and years at a time. Employees stay at times, after hours, drinking and playing loud music in and outside their doors. This activity often attracts other neighborhood teens, and a party atmosphere ensues.

While a majority of their work is done in their garage, they often work on Decatur Street, including in areas that directly front residents. This activity not only produces loud noise from workers and revving car engines, but also leaking fluids in the street, and noxious fumes that fill our homes.

Supply trucks conduct business in front or our homes, parking there for prolonged periods, increasing noise and air pollution. These trucks are quite large, and due to poor utilization of spaces in the business lots, and street fronts, valuable "resident only" spaces are taken up for hours at a time.

In the past 2 - 3 years, I have been in weekly to biweekly contact with Zoning, (Mr. Rangid and Mr. Stroll). With much prodding, attempts were made to correct problems - i.e. abandoned cars, blocked sidewalks, and poorly maintained properties. Unfortunately, any crack down was ineffective and these problems still exist. Feedback from these offices

sounds great over the phone - inspectors issue final warnings with promises of cleaning an area - a portion of debris is cleared, and the inspectors back off. The problem still exists.

Calls to the Cambridge Police Department late in the evening for noise control often meet with negative response. The reaction suggests that I am a bother to them for lodging frequent complaints, while workers intrude on my evenings with noise.

The Department of Traffic and Parking is unable to insure resident parking spaces on our street with the coming and going of employees, customers, and supply and tow trucks. Also, cars awaiting repair, some without wheels, doors, glass and even license plates, litter our street.

We now turn to our elected officials to work with us in resolving our problems. Our hope is that a public hearing will allow us to better outline our problems and to search for effective and lasting ways to deal with them.

Sincerely yours, WE KINDLY REQUEST A MEETING AT THE END OF FEBRUARY OR BEGINNING OF MARCH.

HOWARD OVEN 868-2003 17 DECATUR ST CAMB. 02139

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Geraldine McCarthy 32 Decatur St " WORK 421-6749

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C. J. Luthersland 31 Decatur St. Camb. 868-0938

Kathleen Corbett 25 Decatur St. Camb 4925426

The Bakers 25 Decatur St Camb 4974927

John R. Brozaro 22 Decatur St. 547-6415

Petition received from Howard Owen, et al
requesting a hearing regarding the
conditions that currently exist on
Decatur Street.

In City Council,

Feb. 12, 1990

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schedule
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for Monday March 12, 1990
at 7:PM.

Petitioners notified 2/27/90
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3/12/90 Order adopted