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Michael Brandon
27 Seven Pines Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140

May 25, 1994

Cambridge City Council
c/o Ms. D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140

Re: Discourteous City Council communication from A. Benfield

Dear Ms. Drury:

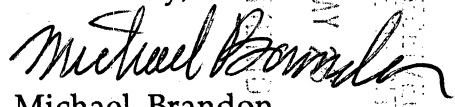
I was shocked to find the attached letter from Anstis Benfield in a recent City Council Agenda packet.

Its addendum includes a gratuitous personal insult—a direct attack on the honorability of the Governor of the Commonwealth, who also happens to be a resident of Cambridge!

Given your vigorous application of "Council Rule 37(6)" to a similar but gentler remark in my letter of April 7 and your refusal to place my communication before the City Council, I am puzzled that you did not weed out Ms. Benfield's cheap potshot at our state's highest elected official. Surely our chief executive is entitled to at least as much courtesy as a mere felon councilor.

I'm mighty perplexed. Please place this communication on the City Council Agenda so that it may be reviewed and referred to the Rules Committee for consideration with my letter of April 27.

Yours truly,


Michael Brandon

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Please vote with The majority next
Monday 11:40 Favor of The current
proposal! Please! Please!

Mrs. Anstis G. Benfield
Six Gordon Place
Cambridge, MA 02139
354-8416 (w 287-7200)

May 10, 1994

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I expect
you will get a
lot more votes
for Super Shop
than against it
in the next election

Honorable Mayor Reeves
Cambridge City Council Members
Commissioner M. Ilyas Bhatti, MDC
Rep. Alvin Thompson

TO THE EDITORS GLOBE, TAB.
CHRONICLE

I am one of the closest direct abutters of the proposed Super Stop & Shop and am 100% in favor of the proposed plan as accepted by the Cambridge City Council in June of 1993. What has gone wrong? Why is the minority ruling on this issue? Why is it even conceivable that we could lose delivery of goods and services to the entire communities of Cambridgeport and Riverside? Why is it taking so many years to resolve the problem of feeding Cambridgeport and Riverside?

Please, as you count letters to you on both sides of this issue, would you statistically weight the letters from elderly and handicapped (who depend on the store to survive) at least 10 to 1 (preferably 100 to 1) over the letters from John Moot and other West Cambridge people who clearly have no such vital interest in the subject.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Anstis G. Benfield

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cc: William Weld, (Not so Honorable Governor on this subject who is lucky he didn't step out onto his West Cambridge doorstep on Monday night into a plate full of cake placed there by a bus load of upset and worried elderly from 808 Memorial Drive and Woodrow Wilson Court)

Consent Communication #5

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A comm. was received from Michael Brandon regarding the discourteous Cit Council; letter from A. Benfield in reference to the Stop & Shop closing.

*Referred to the
Rules Committee
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Committee 6/8/94 @cc*

In City Council June 6, 1994