



City of Cambridge

21.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 5, 1997

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In the early 1930's Tofic Saidnawey and his wife Julia settled in Cambridge, on Cambridge Terrace; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Tofic Saidnawey opened his business at 2172 Massachusetts Avenue, known as Pemberton Market, which he started as a fruit store, then expanded to selling groceries such as pasta, olive oil and Italian bread; and

WHEREAS: Mr. and Mrs. Saidnawey had four children, two sons, and two daughters; their sons children attended the Abraham Lincoln School and its close proximity to the store, Leo and Alfred, worked with their father at the store after school at a time when the store was open from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday; and in 1948, Tofic Saidnawey died, and left his wife and two sons to run the business; and

WHEREAS: Al and Leo Saidnawey have worked hard for over fifty years to make the Pemberton Market what it is today, a great neighborhood store. They have always been there to reach out to the community in a time of need; when people couldn't buy food for their table, the Saidnawey family donated food to needy families. They have donated much to the community over the years, always giving to neighborhood organizations who asked for their help; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record congratulating the Saidnawey Family for their many years of hard work and community spirit; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a corner close to Pemberton Market be dedicated in honor of the Saidnawey Family in the near future to thank the family for their thoughtfulness to the community; and be if further

RESOLVED: That the Assistant to the City Council work with the family to plan a special event with the family and the neighborhood celebrating this dedication; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitably engrossed copy of a resolution be presented to the Leo and Alfred Saidnawey and their family and the grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who are now carrying on the business of PEMBERTON MARKET.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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RESOLVED: That the Assistant to the City Council ~~plan~~ *to plan* with the family and the neighborhood a special ~~date for this event~~ *event celebrating this dedication*; and be it further

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D/M
Please reward
this resolution &
refer to me for
further action.

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COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

APRIL 28, 1997

- WHEREAS: Cambridge is proud of its historical diversity, with many different ethnic groups settling in Cambridge. In the early 1930's a gentlemen by the name of Tofic Saidnawey and his wife Julia settled in Cambridge, living on Cambridge Terrace; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Tofic Saidnawey opened his business at 2172 Massachusetts Avenue, known as Pemberton Market, which he started as a fruit store, then expanded to selling groceries such as pasta, olive oil and Italian bread; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. and Mrs. Saidnawey has four children, two sons, and two daughters, these children attended the Abraham Lincoln School and its close proximity to the store allowed Mr. Saidnawey two sons, Leo and Alfred the opportunity to spend time with their father at the store and help run the business, in those days the store was open from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday; and in 1948, Mr. Tofic Saidnawey died, and left his wife and two sons to run the business; and
- WHEREAS: Al and Leo Saidnaway have worked hard, for over fifty years to make what Pemberton Market what it is today, a great neighborhood store, who truly cares about the neighborhood and its customer's. They have always been there to reach out to the community in a time of need, when people couldn't buy food for their table, the Saidnawey family donated food to needy families. They have donated much to the community over the years, always giving to neighborhood organization's who asked for their help; now Therefore be it
- Resolved That this City Council go on record congratulating the Saidnawey Family for their many years of hard work and community spirit; and be it further

RESOLVED:

That an appropriate dedication to the Saidnawey Family take place, in the up and coming near future, and that a Bronze Plaque to be presented to the family on this special occasion, that is to be mounted inside the store, to thank the family for their thoughtfulness to the community; and be it further

RESOLVED:

That the City Clerk plan with the family and the neighborhood a special date for this event and prepare a suitably engrossed copy of a resolution be presented to the Leo and Alfred Saidnawey and their family and the grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who are now carrying on the business of PEMBERTON MARKET.

*Is there a coin available to
dedicate @ this location*

THE HISTORY OF PEMBERTON MARKET

Pemberton Market opened as a fruit store at 2172 Massachusetts Avenue in the early 1930'S.

It was founded by Tofic Saidnawey of 32 Cambridge Terrace Cambridge MA.

Tofic was known to his customers as Tom. Married to Julia Mudarri they had 4 children, two boys and two girls.

The original Pemberton Market sold fruit and vegetables, olive oil, pasta and Italian bread in those days.

After prohibition they were granted a beer and wine license, and added this to their line of products.

Attending the Abraham Lincoln School grammar school on Walden Street, and its close proximity to the store allowed Tofic's two sons Leo and Al the opportunity to spend time with their father at the store and help out where they could. The hours of operation at that time were 7:30 am to 11:00 pm Monday through Saturday.

With the onset of world war two and the eventual shortage of produce, beer and wine the hours were cut to 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Tofic died in August of 1948, at which time his wife and two sons took over the business, Leo and Al were both in high school. Leo served in the army in 1946 doing occupational duties in European and Pacific theaters. Alfred served in the army during The Korean conflict.

While Alfred was serving Leo was hard at work establishing the business and expanded the store to two adjacent store fronts.

Once Alfred was discharged and more adjacent stores became vacant the two brothers continued expanding until they had what is now 2170 to 2180 Mass Ave.

In the 1980's Leo and Alfred purchased a liquor license to grow the market to become what today is a full service market of fresh produce and vegetables, Grocery items, in-store deli and bakery, complete butcher shop, Gourmet kitchen, Liquor shop and more, a true one-stop shopping location.

Leo had four sons and one daughter. Alfred had two sons and two daughters. At one time or another all the kids worked in the store while attending college.

After graduating college Leo's oldest son Thomas, took a great interest in the business and continued to take on many responsibilities in expanding our business.

Alfred at that time being in his mid 60's decided to retire and sold his share of the business to Tom.

Today In it's third generation of Saidnawey's Pemberton is recognized as a complete market full of gourmet foods, fruits, Wines and much more. Pemberton also consists of a very successful national mail-order fruit and gift basket business that during the 90's has tripled in size. And Pemberton Garden Center, now celebrating it's fifth season has been very well received in the community.

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Consent Order #21 ^{Entire} memb. R-662

Councillor Triantafillou re:
Congratulations to the Saidnawey
Family for their many years of
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ORDER ADOPTED