

MID-CAMBRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable City Council
City of Cambridge

Councillors:

The Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association is very interested in the redevelopment of the High School complex, located in our neighborhood. A committee of our Association has been studying the various plans for nearly a year. We have devoted several general meetings to presentation of alternative designs and locations, discussions of the need for better facilities, and the impact of the schools on our neighborhood.

On May 30, 1974, the Association took an official position that homes in the neighborhood should not be destroyed to build the high schools or playgrounds, and we understand that current plans do not call for destruction of homes.

We are planning for a meeting with the Superintendent to review many areas of concern over the detailed program and architectural design of the plan approved by the School Committee.

WE RECOMMEND THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT FORM A PERMANENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE SO THAT PARENTS, NEIGHBORS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS CAN PARTICIPATE IN AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY IN THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF THE HIGH SCHOOLS.

We request the City Council to endorse this request and make it official City policy that such a committee take an active role in the planning of the schools.



Hugh Adams Russell, Corresponding Secretary

cc: Superintendent Cheetham, City Clerk

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Comm. from the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood
Association re: to the high school complex.

In City Council,
January 13, 1975