



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 7, 1998

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

WHEREAS: Harvard University is planning to tear down Coolidge Hall and replace it with another building because the present building is a former residential hotel which is not ideal for classrooms and lecture halls; and

WHEREAS: The new building planned for the site will deprive abutters of light; and

WHEREAS: Many senior citizens who are longtime residents of Cambridge are having extraordinary difficulty securing affordable housing since Rent Control has ended; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the President and Fellows of Harvard University to explore the possibility of Harvard giving Coolidge Hall to the City of Cambridge for use as senior housing.

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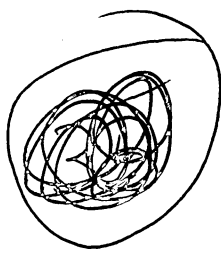
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*
D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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*Please put a council order
in on this*

Councillor Sullivan

November 12, 1998

Neil L. Rudenstine, President
Harvard University
Massachusetts Hall
Cambridge, MA 02138

Re: Knafel Plans

Dear President Rudenstine:

I am writing to you as a concerned life long resident of Cambridge, regarding Harvard's plans to tear down Coolidge Hall and to replace it with a new building. Harvards' representatives have pointed out that the building is not suitable for classrooms and lecture halls since it was built for a residential hotel. May I suggest that Harvard in a sincere show of community spirit, give Coolidge Hall to the City of Cambridge for senior housing. Coolidge Hall was built for housing. Harvard would be doing a superb service to many long time Cambridge senior residents who now find themselves having an horrendous time securing affordable housing since Rent Control has ended.

I am an abutter to the UIS building. Harvard also wishes to demolish this and replace it with a larger building. The plans include taking the loading dock and the parking area which now affords our building, 1716 Cambridge Street some light. I am apposed to this plan.

Since we must coexist with Harvard, it is my request that you cancel any plans for our area and focus on another site.

There is no way we could tolerate further construction while Harvard demolishes buildings, builds tunnels, and constructs new buildings. Cambridge Street is already overloaded with traffic.

I hope you will consider both my suggestion as to the use of Coolidge Hall for a senior residence and, that you will look for another site, instead of pulling down the UIS building

I appreciate this opportunity to express my views to you.

Sincerely,

Allen M. Clark
1716 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

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Consent Order #34 687CM

Councillor Sullivan re: explore the possibility of Harvard giving Coolidge Hall to the City of Cambridge for senior housing.

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ORDER ADOPTED