



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Anthony D. Galluccio
City Councillor

Mayor
2000-2001

January 7, 2003

Dear Members of the Planning Board:

I am sorry I cannot attend this evening's Town Gown Presentation. Please enter this letter as part of the record.

On July 24 and November 6, 2002, I as Chair of the Housing Committee held hearings to discuss the future affordability at 2 Mt. Auburn. The Committee has requested Harvard on two occasions to make a written commitment to maintain affordability at 2 Mt. Auburn Street, conditional on the continuation of federal subsidies past the date of the existing contract. A written commitment of this type would give the City Council and, most importantly, the tenants at 2 Mt. Auburn Street, the security that they deserve. Based on the comments that have been made by the University at the Subcommittee meetings, it is my understanding that Harvard has decided to use the fears of tenants as a bargaining chip in current and future zoning discussions.

I believe this decision to ignore a very reasonable request from the Housing Committee to be an obvious and regretful mistake that I hope Harvard will remedy very quickly.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anthony Galluccio".

Anthony Galluccio, Chair
Housing Committee

cc: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Rob Greene, Cambridge Chronicle
Mary Hurley, The Boston Globe
The Harvard Crimson
Peter Canellos, The Boston Globe
Hedwig Pocius
Mary Reed, Eviction Free Zone
City Council

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**Communications and Reports from
City Officers #1**

A communication was received
from Councillor Anthony D.
Galluccio, regarding the Town
Gown Presentation.

In City Council January 13, 2003

**REPORT ACCEPTED.
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