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Honorable City Councillors,

As you host the Town / Gown meeting, September 25, with Harvard and M.I.T. representatives, I would like this letter to be entered into the record of this meeting.

Cambridge once known for its diversity, is fast becoming a city with high rents or subsidized housing, with nothing in between. Our city has reached its saturation point of institutional, industrial and commercial development.

I am concerned about the Riverside neighborhood open space that Harvard is consuming. The Bank Street edge and Mahoney's Nursery that Harvard plans to develop, will burden an already over burdened neighborhood. Harvard has many other options. They claim that they want to be a better neighbor. Yet they are pushing ahead with their plans, even though Riverside neighbors who have met with Harvard have told them they are dissatisfied with Harvard's plans. 4/6 Athens Terrace is an example of Harvard's arrogance. The Historic Commission said that 4/6 Athens Terrace was significant, they labored over their vote that finally favored Harvard's plans.

Please support Cambridge residents to maintain a city that's economically livable, sociable, diverse, not over populated, and environmentally safe. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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A communicaitonw as received from
Bridget Dinsmore, transmitting
concern relative top the Riverside
neighborhood open space.

In City Council Roundtable
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