

4 May 1969

City Clerk's Office
Cambridge City Hall

Dear Sir,

Enclosed memo for your
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at the next council meeting

Sincerely

Charles Chauszewski

MEMORANDUM ON NEIGHBORHOOD OPINION

TO: All Our Neighbors

FROM: East Cambridge Planning Team

SUBJECT: Recent Activities By Students For A
Democratic Society

The residents of East Cambridge, through the voice of the East Cambridge Planning Team would like to speak out on the following matters. For to remain silent, we fear, would only aid and abet a cause which is neither neighborly or democratic.

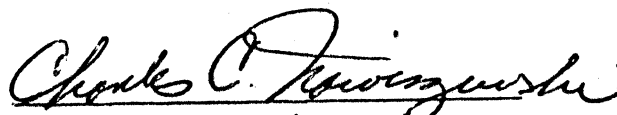
The Students for a Democratic Society have taken it upon themselves, to include the general neighborhood problems on housing and other related matters as one of their demands made upon the Harvard Corporation. Through their actions and in their literature SDS has made an effort to imply neighborhood support.

We in East Cambridge would like to make it very clear that the residents have neither solicited nor do we welcome SDS support. We would also like to add that we are not in sympathy with their cause. To be a good neighbor one must love, understand and show compassion for his fellow neighbor. SDS actions, to say the least, have not indicated any of these neighborly qualities.

As neighbors, we welcome the help of students, but not the students who have embraced the goals and methods of SDS. We welcome the help of the faculty, but not the faculty that is sympathetic to SDS. We welcome the help of all our neighbors, to include, the Harvard Corporation, our city government and others, for we feel, that it is imperative to march on together and make our city a better place for all to enjoy and live in.

We would like to speak out on another matter which has come about as a result of SDS action at Harvard. We resent the abuse that has been directed to the Cambridge and neighboring police departments. For too long now, the police rather than the rabble rousers, have been treated as second class citizens. We dislike violence, but feel strongly that violent minority activities must be quelled quickly by controlled police action, if we hope to continue as a democratic society.

The opinions presented herein have been endorsed by an 81 to 1 vote, at an East Cambridge Planning Team Meeting held on 21 April 1969.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles C. Nowiszewski".

Charles C. Nowiszewski
President
East Cambridge Planning Team

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Communication from Charles C.
Nowiszewski, President East Cambridge
Planning Team, transmitting neighborhood
opinion relative ^{to} recent activities by
students for a democratic society.

May 12, 1969

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