

8 Shepard Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
February 28, 1972

Mayor and City Councillors  
City Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Madame Mayor and Messr. Councillors:

Some 3 to 4 weeks ago I received a telephone call from Officer McCarthy who told me he was doing the annual census and asked if I still resided at 8 Shepard St. I told him I did and asked if he would be coming around to my building and the buildings around me to pick up names of new persons living in the neighborhood. He asked me which buildings and I told him of new residents at my address and at 6 Shepard and at 4 Shepard. Also at 7 Rutland and at 4 Rutland. I also told him that 10 Shepard had a large number of apartments even though it looked like a single family house as did 16 and 18 Shepard St.

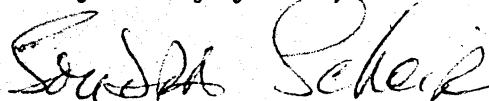
After 3 to 4 weeks had elapsed since my conversation with Officer McCarthy and my neighbors had not seen him nor had they received green cards to mail in, I called Lieutenant Granger, the man at Police Headquarters in charge of the Census. He told me Officer McCarthy had completed Ward 8 Precinct 5 and had turned in materials for my Precinct just that day. I told the Lieutenant that the Precinct was not completed since 4, 6, 8, and 10 Shepard St. and 4 and 7 Rutland St. had not been done. Within 24 hours the Lieutenant had green cards delivered to some of these buildings. Over this past weekend I personally spoke to residents at 4 Rutland, 1 Chauncey 14 Shepard, 26A Shepard, 17 Rutland, 19 Rutland, 46 Shepard and 50 Follen Sts., none of whom have seen a Police Officer doing a Census nor have they received green cards to mail in.

Again I spoke to Lieutenant Granger, providing him with these addresses in my Precinct where residents have not received green cards and asking him if an Officer might come and do a proper Census here. He told me he didn't think so and that Officer McCarthy had been on the force many years and is responsible. I told the Lieutenant that I was sure this was the case but that the number of residents who had been overlooked in Ward 8 Precinct 5 from my small sample would indicate lack of faith in the thoroughness of the job.

I should very much like to see a thorough and careful Census taken in Ward 8 Precinct 5 since it is from these lists that jurors are chosen and that registrars establish eligibility to register to vote.

Would the Council look into this matter and take appropriate action to rectify this situation?

Very truly yours,

  
Sondra Scheir

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City Manager, Election Comm.  
+ Lt. Granger

Report next Monday