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May 12, 1994

Cambridge City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Ma. 02139

Attention: D. Margaret Drury

Dear Ms. Drury:

Please note the following item on the agenda for the
May 10 License Commission Hearing:

Middle East Restaurant, Inc., Nabil Stater,
manager holder of an all alcoholic beverages
as a restaurant license, 2 a.m. closing at
2-4-8 Brookline Street 472 & 480 Massachusetts
Avenue for a change of premises description
and an increase in capacity. The increase in
capacity from 524 to 674.

Please note: This establishment is in a capped zone.
Last year it applied and got the biggest increase in
Cambridge history--over 300 seats--an unprecedented
act of illegality on the part of the License
Commission. Now emboldened, the petitioner has come
back--in less than a year--to ask for an additional
150 seats, plus a change in premise description,
which generally means a reduction in seats in order
for the patrons to stand and drink to excess. It is
incumbent on the City Councillors to speak out against
this willful violation, and to stop the further
distruction of the quality of life in Central Square.
I have been told by Mr. Jim McDavitt, a former License
Commissioner, that once the cap was violated in Central
Square, it was so bad that anybody who could get out,
got out: What has happened in Harvard Square is
happening in Central Square--that is, the dismantling
of the neighborhood, and the influck of destabilizing
establishments.

Please act before the vote is taken. If the past is any indication of the present, the License Commission will grant this increase if intervention is not forthcoming from the City Council.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daryl Janes", written in dark ink.

Daryl Janes

CC: The Cambridge City Council
The Harvard Square Defense Fund

Consent communication # 6

S-236
Comm. from Daryl Janes, 50a J.F.K. Street
in opposition to the petition of the
Middle East Restaurant to increase their
seating capacity by one hundred fifty
seats.

In City Council,

May 16, 1994

Placed on file