

Cambridge Residents for Growth Management

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June 3, 1999

Cambridge City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

For the Roundtable of June 7 and Council Meeting of June 14: SPAN "Support the People and Neighborhoods" of Cambridge, a statement in support of zoning reform

The Honorable, the City Council:

We support the Council's decision to address the issues of growth management and rezoning at its first round table workshop meeting, on June 7.

We believe that growth management and rezoning belong near the top of the Council's agenda because new commercial development is rapidly destroying the things that make Cambridge a great place for all kinds of people to live and work.

- Massive new buildings wall the East Cambridge neighborhood off from the Charles River and threaten the same for Cambridgeport.
- In the middle of the city, green spaces are rapidly being paved and built on and existing low and medium-rise neighborhoods are being walled in by new high-rises.
- To the west, new offices and superstores are spilling across the Alewife Brook flood plain.
- City wide, traffic congestion is going up.
- The higher demand for housing drives rents *up* and tenants and small businesses *out*.

Too much new, commercial development works against our city. *This development is permitted by policies and zoning laws inherited from the past.*

These policies and zoning laws must be at the top of the Council's agenda because the Council, and only the Council, has the authority to change these policies and laws....We should allow only development that works for our city, its people and its neighborhoods.

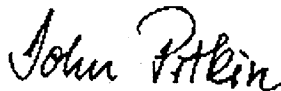
CRGM has circulated a petition of support for zoning reform. It is called the SPAN Resolution, "Support the People and Neighborhoods" of Cambridge. Already over two hundred residents from all corners of the city have endorsed this statement. More are signing it every week. A copy of the Resolution and a list of endorsers are attached.

As you consider zoning reform, on the 7th and later, we urge you to act promptly and effectively to protect Cambridge's future. A large and growing number of residents support this effort.

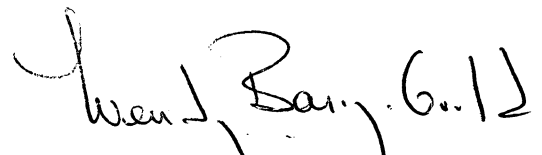
Sincerely



Philip Sego



John Pitkin



Wendy Baring-Gould

SUPPORT THE PEOPLE AND NEIGHBORHOODS (SPAN) OF CAMBRIDGE: THE WHY

WHEREAS SIX YEARS AGO in Cambridge's Growth Policy Document the City government put forth a vision to guide Cambridge into the future; and

Whereas essential parts of this vision are a vibrant, stable, diverse population, an environment where families with children can thrive, and good housing available for different kinds of households at a wide range of income levels; and

Whereas these goals continue to have the support of a broad range of residents; and

Whereas continued, rapid development as allowed and encouraged by the City's policies and zoning regulations has greatly increased the City's tax revenues but has also expanded the number of personnel in local businesses and institutions at a rate that threatens the diversity of Cambridge's population and the vitality of its neighborhoods; and

Whereas continued rapid growth in personnel adds to the demand for housing in Cambridge, drives up market rents and reduces the supply of housing affordable by households of low and moderate income and thereby reduces the City's economic and racial diversity; and

Whereas this growth has brought traffic that taxes the capacity of our streets, causes undue congestion and disrupts life in residential neighborhoods; and

Whereas this development has increased the need for public open space and at the same time sharply diminished the opportunities to create new playing fields and recreational open space to meet this need; and

Whereas development and other construction have been associated with recent increases in the frequency and extent of flooding in the area of the North Cambridge flood plain; and

Whereas the City Council in 1997 endorsed a two year rezoning study, and the Community Development Department, Planning Board and Citywide Growth Management Advisory Committee have been working on that study for the past year; and

Whereas the City's Acting Assistant City Manager for Community Development has stated that comprehensive revision of zoning limits (floor-to-area ratios) by October 1, 1999, is a feasible goal for the rezoning study; and

Whereas the City Council has passed an Interim Planning Overlay Petition (IPOP), which reduces the volume of large commercial developments while the rezoning study is carried out; and

Whereas these interim limits are due to expire on October 1, 1999; and

Whereas a resumption of rapid commercial development under current City policies and zoning regulations, in spite of possible financial benefits to the City government, will in the end undo all of our efforts and hopes for Cambridge's future as a living city with thriving neighborhoods and a rich mix of people;

Therefore.... (over)

**SUPPORT THE PEOPLE AND NEIGHBORHOODS (SPAN) OF CAMBRIDGE:
THE RESOLUTION**

W

E, THE UNDERSIGNED

Support equitable, sustainable reductions, by October 1, 1999, in the rate and amount of development and growth in jobs and personnel encouraged by City policies and allowed by zoning regulations;

Support strict enforcement of the interim zoning limits between now and October 1, 1999;

Urge all Cambridge residents to support the City's rezoning study (Growth Management Advisory Process); and further

Urge that all of the issues enumerated above be given appropriate weight in the drafting of adjustments to the City's policies and zoning regulations.

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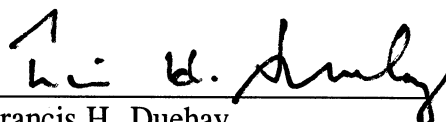
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By order of His Honor the Mayor.


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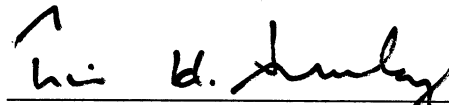
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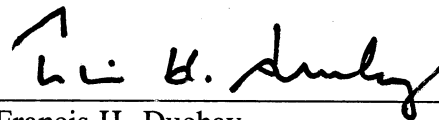
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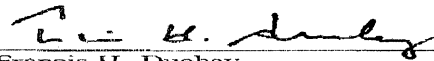
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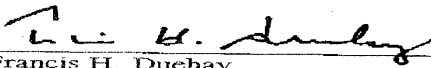
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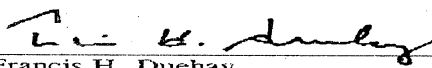
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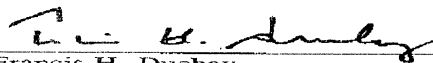
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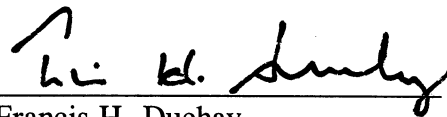
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