

92 Sciarappa Street, apt 2
Cambridge, MA 02141

November 18, 1998

Office of the City Clerk
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Re: Proposed Commercial Development on Third Street in East Cambridge

To the Planning Board:

As residents of East Cambridge, we are writing to: (a) protest the proposed commercial development on Third Street in our neighborhood, (b) request that the City take the site by eminent domain to provide open space, (c) request that the City downzone that area from commercial to open space, and (d) oppose the developer's zoning petition to allow the construction of a hotel.

We did not have an opportunity to sign the petition regarding these issues, but we completely support the premise that enough development has taken place in the areas around Kendall Square, which development is encroaching upon the areas going toward Cambridge Street, and we support open space. In our opinion, as it is Third Street has too much cross-traffic coming from Kendall Square, and that traffic moves much faster on that street than on the other streets off Cambridge Street. It is quite clear that it is not neighborhood traffic but commute traffic -- concerned only with getting from one point to another quickly, and not at all conscious of the neighborhood they are traveling through.

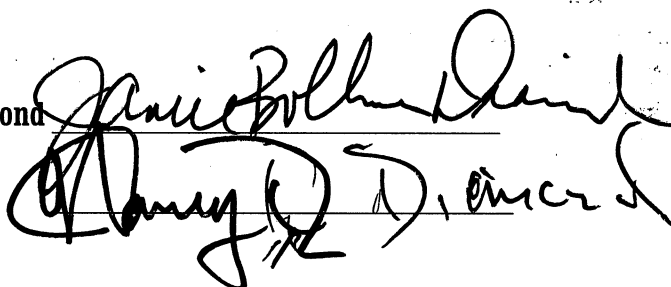
Please give your utmost consideration to this historic and homogeneous neighborhood. We have seen the demolition and development in progress in Central Square, and what appeared to be little regard to the concerns of the residents. As you know, 68% of the commercial development in Cambridge since 1980 has occurred in East Cambridge, more specifically in and around Kendall Square.

We thank you for your time and consideration, and appreciate the efforts you as a body undertake to serve this great city. We hope that you keep in mind not only the jobs, "progress", etc., that you believe will come to the area, but also please keep in the forefront of your considerations those who have made Cambridge what it is, and who live and work in Cambridge, pay city taxes, and help to make it the unique place that it is.

Sincerely,

Janice Bollman Diamond

Harvey Diamond

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The top signature is for Janice Bollman Diamond, written in dark ink. The bottom signature is for Harvey Diamond, also in dark ink, and appears to be written over the first signature.

Consent Communication #2

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A communication was received from Janice Bollman Diamond and Harvey Diamond, 92 Sciarappa Street, Apt. 2, transmitting written protest to the proposed commercial development on Third Street.

In City Council December 7, 1998

Referred to

petition