

Harvard Square Business Association

Established 1910

45 Brattle Street

Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

January 8, 1976

The Honorable, The Planning Board
City Hall Annex
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

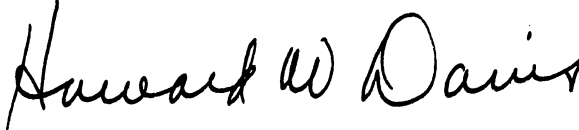
Dear Members:

We understand that you have a plan under consideration to close Brattle Street from Harvard Square to Church Street on Saturdays. We are of the opinion - an opinion which we believe to be unanimous among the business community of Harvard Square - that such a closure would not be in the interest of any segment of the Harvard Square community.

As we have reiterated so many times, our most severe problem in the Square is traffic congestion due primarily to the inadequacy of off street parking. As was demonstrated by an earlier experiment in closing part of Brattle Street to traffic, such a closure adds to the traffic confusion and solves nothing. It is our opinion that during the previous closing of Brattle Street no one in the community benefited, and there was hard evidence that many businesses in the area were hurt badly.

We stand ready to meet with you or any other appropriate group to discuss this or any other matter affecting Harvard Square.

Sincerely,



HWD/lfa

HOWARD W. DAVIS, President
Harvard Square Business Association

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Comm. from Howard W. Davis, Pres., Harvard
Sq. Business Assoc., in opposition to the
plan to close Brattle St. from Harvard Sq.
to Church St. on Saturdays.

In City Council,

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