

FROM THE OFFICE OF
THOMAS J DALY
HARVARD SQ CAMBRIDGE MASS
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MATTER' offer of Boston
Elevated R.R. for Brattle
Square Building & Land

Cambridge Mass
March 26 1934

To The
CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

CAMBRIDGE MASS , AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS . COMPOSED
OF COUNCILLORS ROACHE , MAHONEY , GIBSON , AMEE AND ANDERSON .

HONORABLE DEAR SIRs .

Total 27 Signatures

The undersigned , tax payers , rent payers , or citizens respectfully
Petition , that The City Council , or The Mayor , will not trade or swap the city building
in Brattle square Cambridge , with The Boston Elevated R.R. for their property at the
corner of Cambridge St And Baldwin St, with but \$ 10.000 to boot , as offered by the R.R.
Company , and as ordered by one of the councillor's , and as such order now in the hands
of your committee as above mentioned . We further petition that a public hearing will be
granted us before any sale or trade is effected , for the following most justifying reasons .

- 1 -- That the amount offered by The Boston Elevated R.R.Co to The City of Cambridge is
not at all sufficient as to the value as to what it can be sold for .
- 2 -- That the transfer at the price offered , will greatly impair the rights of the tax
payers . rent payers and all employee's , and will have a tendency to increase tax
rates .
- 3 -- ^{CITY-} That the building in Brattle Square is very large , has many large and small offices
and lodge rooms , That it is the impression of the undersigned , that the R.R. Co
are to give up the large quarters they now occupy on two floors , in the Park Square
Building in Boston . That being so they should pay as much to the City as the City
could get from some other purchaser , at this date or at some later date . The City
at one time had an offer of \$ 50.000 For this building which they refused claiming
they were holding it for at least \$ 60.000.
- 4 -- FURTHER THAT the building owned by the Boston Elevated R.R.Co is but a shell of
a barn , and the land is of but small value compared to Harvard Square ~~land~~ LAND
- 5 -- THAT THE total assessed value of The City's property is \$ 102.200. and the Boston
Elevated R.R. is assessed for but \$ 46.300. This showing that the City's property
is assessed for \$ 55.900. MORE THAN THE BOSTON ELEVATED R.R. PROPERTY . AND THAT
THE CITY'S PROPERTY IS WORTH MORE THAN DOUBLE THE VALUE OF THE R.R. PROPERTY .
- 6 -- FOR THIS . and many other good reasons , we ask that we be given a public hearing
and that the Boston Elevated R.R. Co be given leave to withdraw , unless trade is based
on 60 per cent of assessed valuations , and that the Boston Elevated , R.R pay the City
the difference in cash, amounting to \$ 35.400.

***** SIGNED *****

Thomas J Daly 1384 Esplanade Cambridge Mass
Ernest C. Sargent 18 Hazel St Cambridge
Leonard L. Herbert - 16 Dr. Wolf St. Cambridge
Walter R. Kell 176 Franklin St. Cambridge
Joseph L. Fenn 3 Green Rd Cambridge

Miss LeBlond 2 Clinton St, Cambridge, Mass.
John R S Burdell 3 Allston Court Cambridge, Mass.
Bernard S Cagan #34 O'Heid St Everett.
Hubert X Gurnley 1162 Cambridge St Cambridge.
Michael A Sullivan 15 Sunny St Cambridge
Thommas H Carroll 92 Banks St Cambridge.
Luigi Lombardi 105 Kimward St. Camb.
Cora Gillis 6 Mount Auburn St. Cam.
George P Shea 89 Banks St Cambridge.
John J Curran 11 Fallon St Cambridge
Beatrice M Curran 21 Putnam Ave Cambridge.
Mrs K. A Mahoney 23 Putnam Ave Cambridge
Barriette J White 17 Putnam Ave Camb.
Michael Cassese - Foxbury - 208 Brookline St., Camb.
Bessie Pregor 65 Mt Auburn St Cambridge.
J. T. Nolan 59 Banks St - Camb.
Francis X Murnane 375 Mt Auburn St Camb.
A. Armon 65 Standish St. Camb.
Clara A. Skinner 13 Mellen St. Camb.
James J M. Mahon 14 Mellen St
Catherine M Dailly 24 Mellen St. Cambridge
Mrs Clara Dale 7 Mellen St - Camb.

Charles A. Krugg 56 Boylston St Cambridge

Geo. D. Ettrage 15 Prentiss St Cambridge

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To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

Communication
From

PETITION

of Thomas J. Daly 1384 Mass. St.
at 28 School, protesting against
for trading City Blot in Mass. St. for
Elevated Property at Cor. of Baldwin St.
Cambridge St. and requesting a Public
Hearing on the matter

March 27, 1934

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In City Council

File
PLACED ON FILE

Frederick H. Beardsley City Clerk

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Referred to the Committee on

Public Property & Public Institutions

Attest:

Frederick H. Beardsley

City Clerk

City of Cambridge

In City Council May 1, 1934.

The

Committee on Public Property and
Public Institutions

to which was referred a communication from Thomas J. Daly protesting against trading City Building in Harvard Square for Boston Elevated property at corner of Baldwin Street and Cambridge Street and requesting a public hearing on the matter.

Reports,

Recommending that the

communication be placed on file.

For the Committee.

Francis J. Roche

REPORT

Committee on *Public Property and
Public Institutions*
recommending communication
from Thos J. Daly be placed on file

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May 1, 1934

Report received, and
recommendation ADOPTED.

Attest: Frederick H. Burke
City Clerk