

City of Cambridge

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Original Order

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 2, 1998

VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
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MAYOR DUEHAY
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COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation regarding both temporary and permanent traffic calming measures at the corner of Fayerweather and Hazel Streets, as outlined on the attached communication.

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February 17, 1998

To whom it may concern;

I am writing in order to strongly urge that the City of Cambridge follow-up on the enclosed traffic island design or any any other "traffic calming" scheme as a way to make lower Fayerweather St. a safer road.

In the past year alone, I have seen damage to my own parked car; Mrs. Smith's property at 175 Fayerweather; a destroyed street sign; and two hits on Mrs. Paris' car - all as a result of one car sliding accidents due to slippery road conditions and excessive speed on the street. The speed is largely due to the fact of the wide corridor at the intersection of Hazel, Field and Fayerweather St.s and the broad curve, which could be narrowed with a traffic island and/or flashing light. Such a structure would encourage drivers to take the turn more slowly and it would also prevent the many wrong way drivers who use lower Fayerweather and Hazel St. as a short-cut to get to the ball fields in the summer months.

Please note that there are many young children who live in this neighborhood - as many as eight under the age of three years old on Fayerweather and Hazel alone on this block. The city must take steps to make this street safer for the residents who live on it and to slow the traffic which speeds through on a daily basis. I would be happy to discuss the matter further with anyone who wished to do so.

Sincerely,

Joshua D. Berlin

January 16, 1998

First off, Mr. Galluccio. I would like to thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to join our little group this morning. I'm sorry that I am unable to attend but I had to work this morning. The reason for this meeting is to find some way of reducing the speed and flow of the traffic through Fayerweather st..Fayerweather st. has always been a short cut to Concord Ave. and avoiding the traffic signals at Concord Ave. and Walden st. The problem seems to be magnified during the rush hour.

At those times (7:00 am to 8:30 am) in the morning. And (3:00 p.m. 5:30) in the evening. the cars just fly through here with what appears to be total disregard for anyone or anything just as long as they can beat the traffic lights at Walden st.

As you are probably aware being from this area. This section that we are concerned with.

(Fayerweather, Field and Hazel st.) Is heavily traveled not just by vehicle traffic, but pedestrian traffic as well. (bicycles,joggers,rollerbladers,mothers with their strollers.)

This area also encompasses The Friends school The Montessori and the Tobin school.

During the rush hour, pedestrians are trying cross the street to school or bus stop .These

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people are terrified of being struck by one of these cars whizzing around the bend trying to beat the traffic lights at Walden st. Lets not forget about the cars who turn onto Fayerweather st from Concord Ave. going up the wrong way to avoid the traffic signals at Walden st.

These cars making the turn onto Fayerweather and going as far as the bend can't decide what to do next. They either continue up Fayerweather the wrong way or down Hazel st.

This problem with the cars speeding around the bend and going the wrong way is compounded during the winter months with the snow and ice on the streets.

Everyone here in this room has a story to tell about the traffic problem on this street.

The reason we are here , is to find a solution to remove the incentive of using this section of Fayerweather st as a short cut One proposal that has been mentioned

is the introduction of a traffic island. (please refer to diagram) This appears

it would work in slowing the traffic down plus with the added crossing lines

for people to be able to cross the streets in safety. This proposal also would

be , I'm sure, not that expensive to construct.

Also I would like to also mention. That when times the neighbors have called this problem

to the attention of the Cambridge Police Dept. ,they have been very helpful

in sending a unit up here to monitor the traffic. The only problem is. That Police

always get here after the prime times. (rush hours am.-p.m.) We are however,

grateful for the times that they are here and the violators they do grab.

I hope , by hearing from the people that turned out for this meeting . You

will be able to help us in slowing the traffic down in this area, before someone gets

seriously injured an /or worse. And help eliminate the traffic and property accidents,

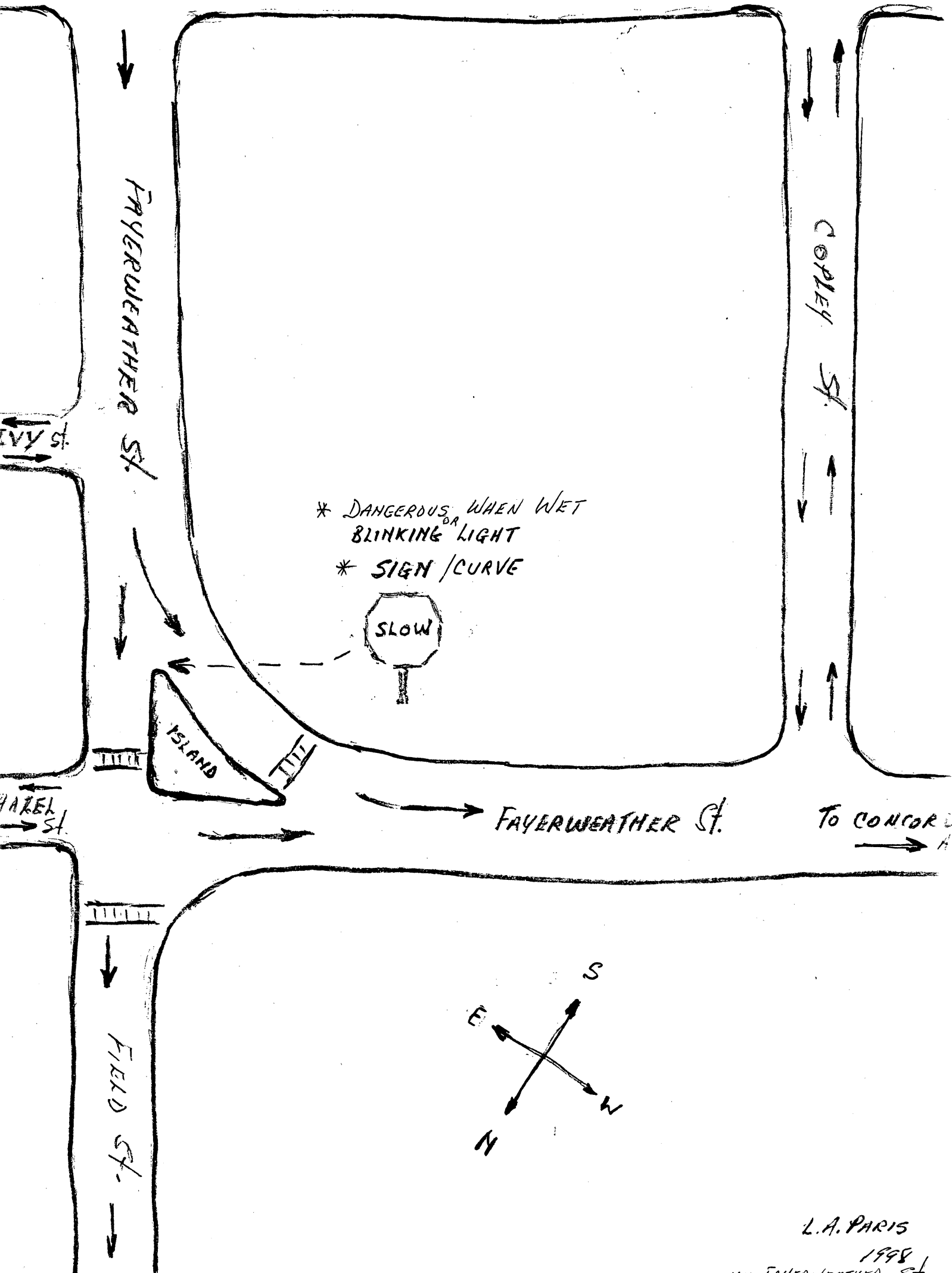
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Thank you, for your time

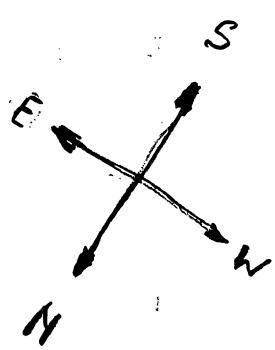
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WALDEN ST.

To CONCORD AVE

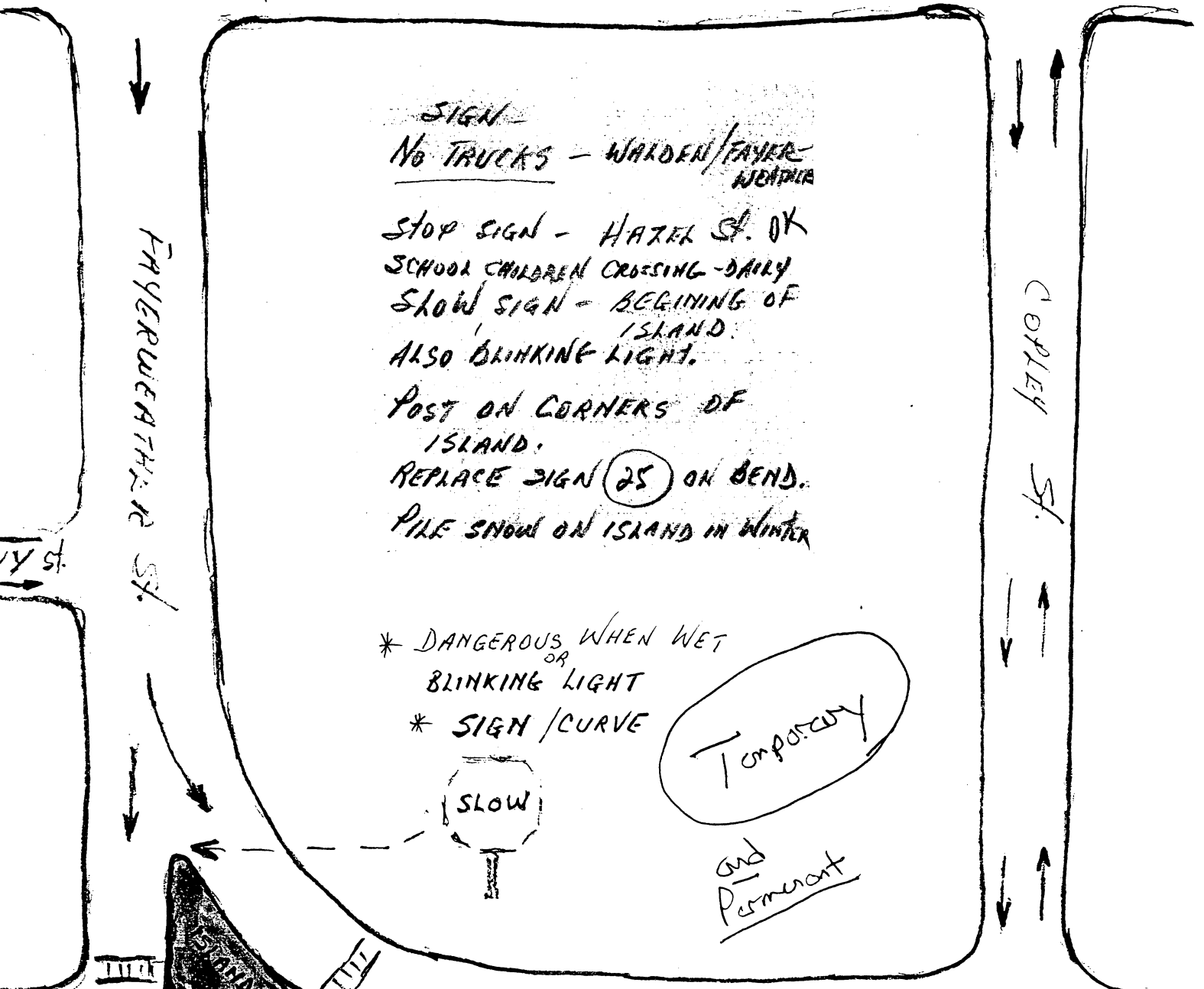


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 * BLINKING LIGHT
 * SIGN / CURVE



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 167 FAYERWEATHER ST.

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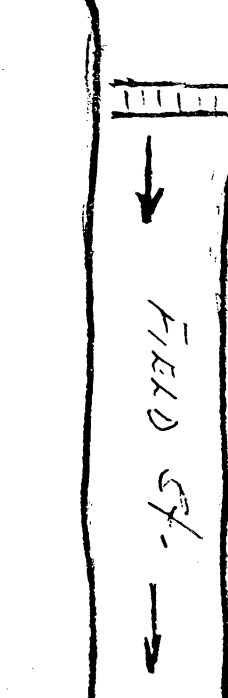
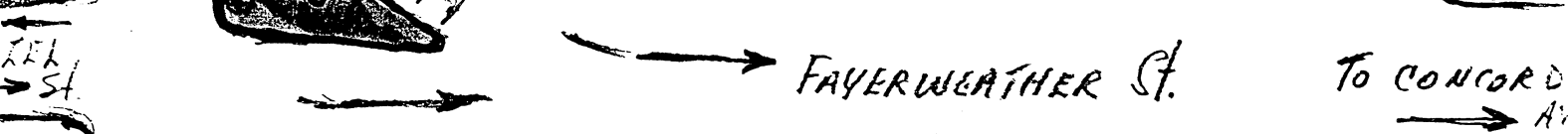
SIGN -
No TRUCKS - WALDEN/FAYERWEATHER

STOP SIGN - HAZEL ST. OR
 SCHOOL CHILDREN CROSSING - DAILY
 SLOW SIGN - BEGINNING OF ISLAND.
 ALSO BLINKING LIGHT.

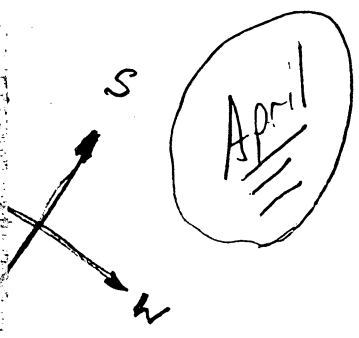
POST ON CORNERS OF ISLAND.
 REPLACE SIGN (25) ON BEND.
 PILE SNOW ON ISLAND IN WINTER

- * DANGEROUS WHEN WET OR BLINKING LIGHT
- * SIGN / CURVE

Temporary
 and Permanent



DO NOT ENTER SIGNS ON CORNERS OF ISLAND.
 TRUCKS COME UP FAYERWEATHER WRONG WAY FROM CONCORD AVE AND MAKE U TURN AT INTERSECTION.



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A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading 'A. J. Galluccio', written in black ink.

ATTACHMENT.



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Consent Order #33

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ORDER ADOPTED

as amended