

MID CAMBRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
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To the Honorable Members of the Council:

I am writing to inform you that at its last meeting held on April 16, 1998, the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Association passed the following resolution by a unanimous vote:

Mid Cambridge needs a library. The existing building on Broadway should continue to function as a library regardless of the outcome of the Library 21 process.

At the meeting, 60 people attended, 37 of them voting members, all of whom supported the resolution.

The vote followed a discussion that included an update about the Library 21 process and the work of the site selection team headed by Sasaki Associates. As you all know, the entire process regarding the expansion and siting of the main library building has been closely followed by our neighborhood from its beginning.

Although residents of our neighborhood have expressed different opinions about the siting issue, the discussion at our meeting was unanimous in its support for a continued library presence in Mid-Cambridge at the Broadway building. Library service is an essential part of our community. The historic building is an important neighborhood asset. We are very concerned that the existing building not be contemplated for use as offices or administrative space, a use that would not involve the community and that would deprive the neighborhood of a valuable resource.

We hope that the Councillors, the siting consultants, the administration and the others involved in decision making about the library will give careful consideration to these neighborhood views. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



John Pitkin
President, MCNA

cc: Sasaki Associates
Susan Flannery

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A communciation was received from John Pitkin, President, Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association, transmitting the ASsociation's support for Mid'Cambridge's need for a library regarding of the outcome of the Library 21 process.

In City Council May 4, 1998

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