

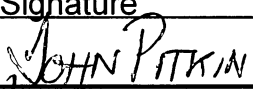
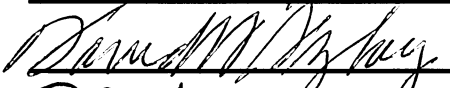
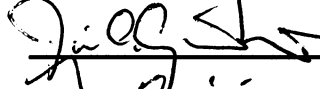
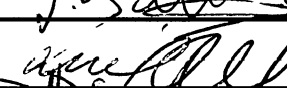
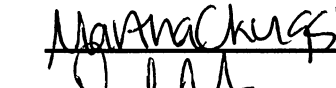
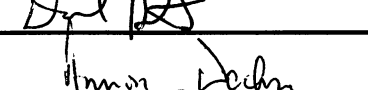
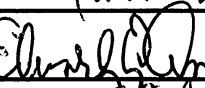
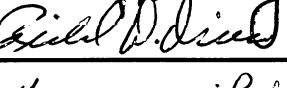
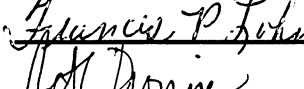
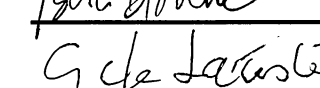
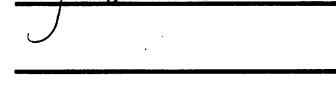
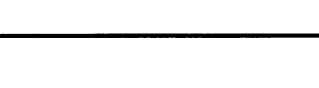
To the Cambridge City Council:

WE the undersigned believe

- that the Swiss House consulate at Broadway and Ellery Street has *no business* in our residential neighborhood, and
- that we need the kind of neighborhood businesses and services that were there for eighty years before the Swiss House.

THEREFORE we petition the City Council to amend our zoning laws to

- prevent the future location of institutions such as Swiss House in residential districts and
- reserve sufficient locations for use by neighborhood services and businesses.

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	Lucinda Jewell	7 Ellsworth Ave	497-8677
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Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association

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October 19, 2000

Cambridge City Council
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To the Honorable the City Council:

As you are probably aware, the Swiss House Consulate last week inaugurated a new chapter in institutional encroachment in Cambridge's residential neighborhoods by opening a facility devoted to "scientific diplomacy" on the corner of Ellery Street and Broadway. The site had been the location for businesses that had served the Mid-Cambridge neighborhood for some eighty years.

With the closing of Sage's and Barsamian's markets and the impending closing of the Bread and Circus on Prospect Street, there will be a serious lack of food stores for area residents. The elderly and others without cars will be seriously inconvenienced.

The permitting of the Swiss House was opposed by:

- the membership of the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association;
- thirty neighbors who helped fund an ^{unsuccessful} appeal of the Swiss House's special permit; and
- the overwhelming majority of residents who passed by the opening ceremonies and spoke with residents who were picketing the event.

Uses like the Swiss House appear to be contrary to the clear intent of the Zoning Ordinance. However, a majority of the Board of Zoning Board read the ordinance differently and allowed the use. Mid-Cambridge cannot afford further encroachments of this kind because have few neighborhood services left.

Therefore, on behalf of the Association, I request the Council to hold a hearing how this maladministration of the institutional use regulations came about and what steps can be taken to prevent further institutional encroachment in our residential neighborhood. A petition in support of these actions is attached.

Sincerely,



John Pitkin, President
Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association

The Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association was founded in 1975 and has approximately six hundred members. The Association endorsed this request to reform Cambridge's institutional use regulations through a vote of the membership at a meeting in May, 2000.

Consent Communication #5

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A communication was received from
John Pitkin, President, Mid-
Cambridge Neighborhood Association,
relative to the Swiss House
Consulate at the corner of
Broadway and Ellery Street.

In City Council October 23, 2000

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