

EAST CAMBRIDGE PLANNING TEAM

105 Spring Street

East Cambridge, Mass. 02141

October 24, 1975

The Honorable James L. Sullivan
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

This letter is being written to request you to initiate action leading to the demolition of the former Putnam School in East Cambridge, located at Otis and Sciarap'a Streets.

Several years ago, the building was declared unsafe for occupancy by the State Fire Marshall's office because of many violations of the State building code. Since then, most windows have been boarded up and the appearance of the building is a dilapidated, ugly eyesore.

In addition, the building has continued to deteriorate, is subject to constant vandalism and is a serious fire hazard in a very congested neighborhood. Numerous inspections have been made by the Cambridge Fire Department and they concur with these facts. Also, the area is littered with broken glass and debris from the structure which creates a safety problem.

Additionally, several instances of heavy snow drifts, falling from the roof, have caused accidents during the past two winters and are likely to occur again, as long as the building remains unheated.

The East Cambridge Planning Team requests that the building be demolished to provide badly needed parking, in a part of the city that has a major residential and business parking problem.

A recent referendum was held by the Planning Team on the October 7, 1975 elections, and the results were decidedly in favor of demolition of the building. At our latest meeting, it was overwhelmingly agreed that the proposal of the Traffic Department of April, 1974, (that this site be used for a municipal and revenue producing parking lot) be implemented immediately.

We now seek your assistance in helping to rid our neighborhood of this hazard and provide us with the badly needed night residential sticker parking.

Sincerely, *Joseph Nardone*
Joseph Nardone, President
East Cambridge Planning Team

Alfred W. LaRosa
Al Larosa, Vice President
East Cambridge Planning Team

cc: George Teso
Paul Healy
Cambridge City Council



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
October 27, 1975

Councillor Clinton

WHEREAS:

The East Cambridge Planning Team has voted to request the City Council to initiate action which would demolish the former Putnam School, and

WHEREAS:

This building represents a severe fire hazard in a very congested neighborhood, therefore be it

RESOLVED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take the necessary steps in order to provide for the demolition of the former Putnam School.

61/48 Order #10 *105-523*
C. Clinton resolutions on the demolition of
the Putnam School.

#8 Nov 1-75
#10 Nov 10-75

In City Council
Oct. 27, 1975

Charter Right by
C. Wylie 10-27-75