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City Council  
City Hall  
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**RE: CONCERNS ABOUT NORTH CAMBRIDGE LIBRARY PROJECT**

Dear Councilors:

At the most recent meeting about the Fitzgerald School rehabilitation, I, and other O'Neil library users, was delighted to hear Deputy City Manager Richard Rossi commit to three items. As I understood them, these three items were:

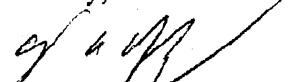
- That the O'Neill Library will remain open and usable until January, 2001 despite the major construction process taking place at the adjacent Fitzgerald School. When the library is closed in January, 2001 for a six month rehabilitation process, Mr. Rossi stated that some alternative library site would be found in the area to provide the very important functions currently provided by the O'Neill library.
- That, prior to the renovations of the library, there will be a process through which the community which uses the library- the parents of young children, youths who do their homework, people who pick up best-sellers, etc.- will be able to give meaningful input into the renovations to be conducted at their library.
- That the library would be extensively renovated, with virtually nothing but the current walls left untouched as it is brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

These commitments were all very much appreciated by myself and other library users. Our library, with its books, quiet spaces and toddler area is truly a neighborhood treasure. We would hate to see it become unusable because noise and dust from the Fitzgerald School becomes overwhelming or because it is too difficult to maintain adequate utilities to the library when the school is being rehabbed.

Once again, I would like to extend my thanks to Mr. Rossi for making sure that our library remains an active neighborhood treasure and, in fact, becomes even more of one at the end of its six-month rehabilitation project. I look forward to working with him, Ms. Flannery and other library users *in the immediate future* to ensure our renovated library meets the high standards the community has come to expect from its neighborhood library.

As always, I may be reached at 354-8353 or via email at [VoteCraig@att.net](mailto:VoteCraig@att.net) should you have any questions about this letter or if I have misunderstood Mr. Rossi's position.

Sincerely,



Craig A. Kelley

cc: Mr. Richard Rossi  
City Council  
Susan Flannery

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A communication was received from  
Craig A. Kelley, transmitting concerns  
about the North Cambridge Library Project.

In City Council February 8, 1999

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