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350 Harvard Street S-1
Cambridge, Mass. 02138
October 9, 1986

Honorable Mayor, Walter Sullivan
Cambridge City Hall
795 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Mr. Mayor;

I have been a Cambridge resident for over ten years and am writing to you hoping to reinforce my concern and the concern of many Cambridge residents about the severe on-street parking problem in the neighborhoods. I have spoken to City Councilor, David Sullivan and to George Teso, Director of Traffic and Parking. They were cooperative and informative, but essentially offered no hope for significant change in the near future. This seems rather short-sighted for a city that has grown and will continue to grow rapidly.

I frequently attend evening business-related functions and find it necessary to give up a "good" space which I've found during the day. Upon returning home, I am not able to find legal on-street parking within one mile of my home on any evening after 10:00 P.M. My solution and the solution for others has been to park illegally and pay fines. This is so unfair to those residents with stickers while non-residents(although they may be ticketed) take up a legal space. They should be towed, therefore freeing a space for a resident. However, I was told by Mr. Teso that towing is not possible. There are numerous other stories related to street cleaning, snow removal, and most recently the laying of cable and gas line repairs.

My frustration has led me to write to you hoping to be directed to the appropriate channels for action--not more information. How and where is this problem dealt with in this city? Who has ultimate responsibility and accountability for change? Where can the average citizen find the mechanism for responsible input for change? After all, we citizens do know the problem intimately well.

I am very interested in working on this problem. There are numerous creative and I believe workable solutions to this parking dilemma. How can I make a difference? Please respond. Thank you.

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Respectfully yours,

OCT 14 1986

Jerome K. Saunders

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copies forwarded to:

David Sullivan, City Councilor

Robert Healy, City Manager

Captain Alfred Lange, Cambridge Police Traffic Dept.

George Teso, Director of Traffic and Parking

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Comm. from Jerome K. Saunders, 350 Harvard St.,
expressing concern Re: on-street parking prob-
lems in the neighborhoods.

In City Council,

October 20, 1986

Referred to the City Manager
and
Traffic Director

Copy sent to the City Manager &
Traffic Director 10/22/86 ml