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• Hazard Materials Office
City Manager

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• North Cambridge Stabilization

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3/20/92 Notified Robert Jarvis 1354-0854 by telephone

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Sheila Russell

TO: The Cambridge City Council
FR: Susan Maguire and Paul Miranda
125 Jackson St.
Cambridge
RE: Central Square Print Company
DA: February 23, 1992

Dear City Council,

Thank you for giving us residents of North Cambridge the opportunity to testify about the contaminated air in our neighborhood. We cannot attend this meeting, but welcome the chance to communicate our concerns to you all.

Since we have moved into our house on 125 Jackson Street five years ago, we have suffered the noxious effects from the air vented by the Central Square Print Company, on Harvey Street, one lot away from our home.

We have been forced to shut all of our windows, bring the children inside and stop all outside work when Central Square Print Company is venting its contaminated air.

We suffer headaches, lightheadedness and nausea when Central Square Printing is venting its contaminated air. The children and I have suffered skin irritations.

We are extremely worried about what is being stored by not only the Central Square Print Company, but also its numerous tenants, the Cambridge Chemical Co, an exterminator who uses Diazonon, and the furniture repair shop which uses a range of other chemicals.

We are also worried about chemicals being used and stored so close to Cambridge Lumber Company, next door to Central Square Print Co. Is there the danger of a chemical fire in the neighborhood? Is the fire department aware of the chemicals being stored? Are they prepared to protect the citizenry in case of a fire? What is their plan?

When we went to Central Square Printing, they told us to "Get the Hell out of here! We have no chemicals here. You must have high blood pressure." No one in this household has high blood pressure.

We have spoken to numerous people at the Board of Health, Inspections Services, the EPA, the DEQE and Commissioner Chalfen himself because this is such a serious matter.

The EPA has been the most responsive, they set up a computer file on the Central Square Print Company and encourage us to call every time that we notice the noxious air. The Inspectional Services and the Board of Health officials have tried very hard to pass the responsibility

on to other departments. One official responded that when he lived in the area he knew the noxious air well and moved. He recommended that we do the same.

The most disturbing aspect of this case is the cavalier attitude of some of the inspectors at the Cambridge City offices. They act as if we are a bother and that the owner of the Print Company is a good old friend.

We pay taxes and vote. We voted for many of you. Can you help us in this terrible situation?

We want the air in our neighborhood to be cleaned up! We want to know which chemicals are being stored and used and vented by Central Square Print Company and its tenants, how many parts per billion they vent and most of all when the Central Square Print Company does its venting. We also want to know if the venting stacks are built to code.

We want to know the fire departments plan to protect us in case of a fire at either the Central Square Print Company building and/or the Cambridge Lumber Company. How will the Fire Department deal with the chemicals?

Thank you for your concern for this matter. We are very concerned about the air quality for ourselves, our children and our neighbors.

Paul Miranda
Susan Maguire

Sheila Russell,

I hope you take this seriously.

Thank you,

Susan Maguire

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MARCH 18, 1992

**TO: JOSEPH CELLUCCI
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER**

**CAPTAIN LAWRENCE FERAZANI
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

FROM:

JOSEPH E. CONNARTON *JEL*
CITY CLERK

SUBJECT:

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1992 AT
7:00 P. M. NOXIOUS ODORS FROM CENTRAL
SQUARE PRINTING COMPANY.**

Please be advised, pursuant to a motion of Vice Mayor Ed Cyr, the City Council has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, March 23, 1992 at 7:00 P. M. in the Sullivan Chamber, City Hall for the purpose of discussing the allegations of noxious odors emanating from the Central Square Printing Company located at 173 Harvey Street.

You and other departmental representatives you feel appropriate for this hearing are invited to attend and be prepared to discuss the actions of your respective departments relative to this issue.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

c.c. Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Kevin Fitzgerald, Fire Chief



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Mr. Donald McMath, President,
North Cambridge Stabilization Committee
97 Pemberton Street
Cambridge, MA 02140

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As President of the North Cambridge Stabilization Committee the City Council has requested that you be invited and participate in the above referenced hearing. Consequently, you are invited to appear in the Sullivan Chamber on the evening of Monday, March 23, 1992.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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10/24/1991 03:123PM FROM FRAMWORKS INC

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to: Mrs

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NORTH CAMBRIDGE BUSINESSES- AUGUST 1991

02-24-1991 AT 13:56

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Ms. Ellen Riley
A Cambridge House
2218 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140

Mallory Slate
Bob Slate Stationers
1975 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140

Budget Copy Center
2362 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140
ATTN: Berg Manoushighi

Mr. Leonard Katz
Cambridge Lumber
135 Harvey Street
Cambridge, MA 02140

Mr. Charlie Christopher
Christopher's
1920 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140

Neil Zarin
Country Workshop
2327 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140

Ms. Karen Swain
Frameworks
2067 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140

Mr. Ron Arslanian
General Optical Co.
2036 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140

Michelle Longway
Sterling Bank
2400 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140



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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 9, 1991

COUNCILLOR CYR

WHEREAS: The presence of noxious odors emanating from Central Square Printing at 173 Harvey Street has raised serious concerns among the firm's neighbors; and

WHEREAS: It is a well documented fact that industrial solvents can have significant impact on human health; and

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ORDERED: That the City Manager shall submit a report on the completed process on or before January 1, 1992.

In City Council December 9, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *Joseph E. Connarton*

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk

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DEC. 9 1991
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Consent Order # 7

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Order adopted
3/23/92 Public
hearing held