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Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Request for a New Traffic Light at the Junction of Mass Ave
and Dover Street that is Visible only from Closer Distances

Dear Council Members:

On behalf of the residents of Dover Street and the North
Cambridge Stabilization Committee (NCSC), I encourage you ask the
City Manager to replace the light at the junction of Mass Ave and
Dover Street with a light that is only visible to traffic in the
immediate turning area.

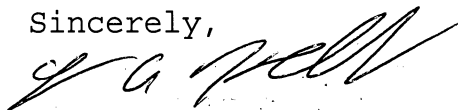
As the enclosed petition, signed by 26 Cambridge and eleven
Somerville residents, states, the traffic heading down Dover
Street to Mass Ave frequently accelerates to catch a green arrow.
Since drivers can see the green arrows for over a block, their
tendency and ability to speed to catch the arrow poses a
considerable hazard to the residents, pedestrians and other
drivers on this street. That Dover Street is the major connector
from Davis Square to Mass Ave and that this junction is rapidly
becoming a popular pedestrian area, with three cafes, three
popular shops, a hair salon and a large church (and a medical
building soon to be launched across the street), greatly
compounds the risk of a serious accident.

Other intersections in Cambridge already have these limited
visibility lights, where distant motorists see only red while
those ready to turn see the relevant green light. It seems
appropriate, and cost effective, to install such a light at this
intersection as soon as possible without waiting for the Mass Ave
upgrade to occur.

Thank you very much for your prompt action on this issue.

As always, I may be reached at 354-8353 if you have any questions
about this or any other North Cambridge issue.

Sincerely,



Craig A. Kelley

cc: City Manager

PETITION TO THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The following is a proposal to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists on Dover Street by installing new traffic control signals at Massachusetts Avenue.

- Dover Street is a predominantly residential street in the North Cambridge and West Somerville neighborhoods, and the home of many residents, from infants to the elderly.
- Dover Street is also the major vehicular traffic connection between Davis Square and Massachusetts Avenue. Only at Dover Street can traffic can turn both directions onto the Avenue, and because of this it carries an extremely high volume of traffic heading for destinations outside the area.
- The safety and security of the neighborhood is jeopardized by this traffic, particularly because of speeding which results from cars trying to "make the green light". Because the present signal is visible from more than a block away, cars also are tempted to run the stop sign at Orchard Street, further increasing the safety risk.

Therefore, it is proposed that the City install new signal devices at the Massachusetts Avenue intersection which will limit the visibility of the green arrow signals to traffic already in the turn lanes. (Motorists approaching from a distance would see only the red signals.) These projected-type signals are already in use for this purpose in many other intersections in Cambridge, and could be installed here at minimal cost and effort.

The undersigned residents of the neighborhood strongly request the timely action of the City of Cambridge on this matter of public safety.

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Wayne Melke	30 Dover St., #3	Cambridge 02140
Rebecca Meyer	30 Dover St. #3	Cambridge 02140
William Gannon	30 Dover St #2	Cambridge 02140
Joseph A. Geronzi	36 Dover St. #2	Cambridge 02140
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Lee E. Nelson	68 Dover St.	Somerville
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Mary Pottigrew	68 Dover St	Somerville
Bina Borcia	97 Dover St.	Somerville
Sherry Fatta	79 Dover St	Somerville
Eugenie Hainsworth	4 Glover Circle	Somerville
Lauren Brandt	79 Dover St	Somerville
Jac-Lynn Stark	68 Dover St.	Somerville
Mary Bernard	62 Dover St	Somerville
Benny J. Goldberg	49 Dover St. #31	Somerville
Rita M. DeMaso	35 Dover St.	Camb.
Vincent DeMaso	35 Dover St	Camb.
Marie Manuel	37 Dover St.	Camb.
Albert Manuel	37 Dover St.	Camb.
Carole McYoung	31 Dover St	Camb.

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Ellen Pritham 29 Dover St. Cambridge 02140

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Petition was received from Craig Kelley et al., requesting the installation of a new traffic light at the junction of Massachusetts Avenue and Dover Street.

In City Council January 27, 1997

Referred to
City Manager

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