



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 15, 1997

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the attached letter with the Acting City Manager for the Community Development Department and the Commissioner of Inspectional Services and report back on the matter, and to include information about the zoning requirements as to parking for the 50-52 Trowbridge Street.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

50-52 Trowbridge Street
c/o Shahin Bassiri
Apartment # 12
Cambridge, MA 02138

October 24, 1997

Councillor Katherine Triantafillou
The Cambridge City Council
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Councillor Triantafillou:

We are writing to express our deep concern regarding the parking lot at 48 Trowbridge Street which was occupied by the residents at 50-52 Trowbridge Street, originally owned by Harvard University and now is owned by Homeowner's Rehab, Inc.

We received a letter on May 31, 1996 notifying us of "The possible sale of your building to the City, or its designated non-profit housing organization." which was finalized in April 1997. The reason for the sale of these buildings, we were told, was that the city of Cambridge hopes to preserve affordable housing!!! We received another letter in February 24, 1997 to inform us of denial to park in our parking spaces next to our buildings by March 31, 1997.

I'm sure you understand the difficulties of finding parking space on Trowbridge and the vicinity. Especially now that there's a lot of construction work taking place in this area. This construction work brings a lot of traffic to our street and makes available parking spaces even more of a challenge.

I must inform you that no one was representing the tenant side in the meetings between Harvard University and the Homeowner's Rehab in order to raise the needs of the occupants of these buildings. As a result, the interests of the people who were affected the most by the sale of these buildings, was not protected and their voices were not heard.

We, as the tenants of 50-52 Trowbridge Street, strongly believe that the parking lot at 48 Trowbridge Street should have been preserved for the residents of the mentioned buildings. Unfortunately, Not only the parking lot was not preserved for these buildings but also the residents were forced out of their spaces, some of whom holding their spaces more than ten years. Instead, the parking lot remained in the hands of the owner of the City of Cambridge, Harvard University, and it was added to their parking lot collection which is scattered throughout the city. The sale of the buildings to the so called "non-profit corporation" resulted in denial of occupants permission to park in their spaces, and an invitation of the new comer to our area on the basis of "affiliation" to Harvard University and not on the basis of needs of the community.

Therefore, we are writing to request your attention over the parking crisis and we thank you for your contribution in solving this problem.

We are aware that a permanent solution requires time, in the meantime we would appreciate it if we could have priority, those residents who choose to have a parking space, over the new comers. A permanent solution, however, can be achieved by making the mentioned parking lot part of these buildings. Anything less, does not represent the best interest of the community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

for S. Bama

50-52 Trowbridge Street residents

cc: Mayor of the City of Cambridge Sheila Russell
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Shahin Bassiri —

Thank you for your letter regarding the parking situation at 50-52 Trumbidge. I'm sorry for the delay in responding. I've submitted an order asking for the City Manager to respond & will contact you when I receive one.

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Daniel
 Margaret -
 Have we done an
 order in this yet?

(See attached letter)

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Consent Order #20

Councillor Triantafillou re: Information
about the zoning requirements as to parking
for the 50-52 Trowbridge Street.

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ORDER ADOPTED