

CENTRAL SQUARE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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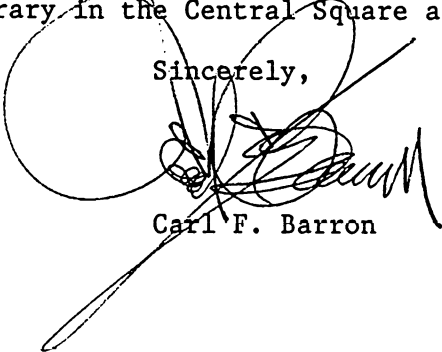
RE: POSSIBLE LOCATION OF LIBRARY IN CENTRAL SQUARE

Some months ago, I sent a letter to you in which I indicated the unanimous support of the Board of Directors of our Association for a possible new library site in Central Square. This letter reaffirms said vote.

We realize that a new hearing is intended to provide more specific information, including possible designs and comparative costs. With the proviso that a realistic approach would be made to locating the library in Central Square, and also attaching a definite value to a location that is more central than any other in the city, reaching more people, we trust that a relatively reasonable increase in cost would be justified by that very point of greater accessibility.

We also repeat our definite emphasis upon a library site that would not force any present business out of its location, or force a reluctant owner to submit to the right of eminent domain on the part of the City of Cambridge. We would like to see a willing and mutually satisfactory arrangement pursued that would give maximum benefit to all segments of our community. Bearing this in mind, we trust that you will give every possible consideration to locating the new library in the Central Square area.

Sincerely,



Carl F. Barron

Consent Communication #2 1005

A communication was received from
Carl Barron, Central Square
Business Association, relative to
continued support of a possible
new library site in Central Square.

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In City Council April 24, 2000

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