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May 4, 1995

The Honorable Sheila Russell

Mayor

City of Cambridge

785 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Mayor Russell:

I have been informed of a recent proposal for a playground to be located on the corner of Columbia and Harvard Street. Although a "tot-lot" would be beneficial to the children of the community, I think that there is a serious housing shortage in this neighborhood

With the demise of rent control and the increase of homelessness in Cambridge, there is a great need for affordable housing. I am in support of the Area 4 Task Force and the Area 4 Planning Team report that has outlined a plan for the construction of low cost housing on the corner of Columbia and Harvard Street. Although a playground would be beneficial for the children of the neighborhood, I find housing a more urgent and critical need.

Your support for the Area 4 Task Force and Area 4 Planning Team is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Alvin E. Thompson
State RepresentativeRECEIVED BY
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Communication was received from Alvin E. Thompson, State Representative, transmitting information of a recent proposal for a playground to be located on the corner of Columbia and Harvard Street.

In City Council May 13, 1996

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