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Cambridge City Council
c/o Cambridge City Clerk
Cambridge City Hall, Room 103
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Public Disturbances and Prostitution on Windsor Street near Hampshire Street

Dear Cambridge City Councilors:

I am a property owner at 291 Windsor Street, Cambridge, a three-family building. In the past month, my area of Windsor Street has been subjected to increased public drunkenness and disorder, and prostitutes. **This behavior would not be tolerated in most other neighborhoods in Cambridge.** My first floor tenants, two professional women, are threatening to break their lease and move from the neighborhood because they are frightened. I am asking for immediate action to stop these disturbances.

Here are some of the incidents that have occurred:

- In mid-August, a woman was arrested on my front steps for smoking crack cocaine.
- On September 23, Monday night, six car windows were smashed with a trash can, in a car parked across the street from my building.
- On September 26, Thursday night, two men were yelling at the tops of their lungs, at 2:00 am, in front of the Windsor Tap about something that had occurred in the bar. The Windsor Tap is at the corner of Windsor Street and Hampshire Street, two doors down from my building.
- On September 27, Friday night, a loud fight broke out among two large groups of men, at 2:00 am, in front of the Windsor Tap.
- On September 29, Sunday morning at 7:30 am, two young women dressed like prostitutes were screaming and fighting in my driveway. One tried to bang the other's head against the pavement. A man in a car, possibly their pimp, drove up and down Windsor Street calling to them that he had "all the drugs they needed" and to get into his car.

In each of these incidents, my tenants called 9-1-1 and made a complaint. In each case except the crack arrest, the police responded but not quickly enough to make arrests.

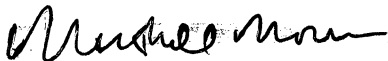
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The residents of Windsor Street should not have to fear public rowdiness and yelling, fights, and prostitutes on their street. They should not have to wonder whether they'll be routinely awakened in the middle of the night by some new disturbance.

I am urgently requesting the following:

- Urge the Cambridge License Commission to put the Windsor Tap on notice that they must control their patrons' behavior on our street.
- Revoke the Windsor Tap liquor license if they cannot control their patrons.
- Assign a police officer to be highly visible and on duty at the corner of Windsor Street and Hampshire Street from 1:50 to 2:20 am on Friday and Saturday nights, until this situation is brought under control.
- Establish a policy of "Zero Tolerance" for public disturbances in our neighborhood.
- Instruct the Cambridge Police Department to make Windsor Street a priority, to respond more quickly and to make arrests for Disturbing the Peace wherever possible. Warnings simply aren't working. Violators must understand that this behavior WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- Put pressure on the prostitutes to go elsewhere. We don't care where, just get them out of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Marshall Mourar

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cc: Robert Healy, City Manager
Ron Watson, Police Commissioner

Consent Communication #2

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Communication was received from Marshall Mourar, property owner at 291 Windsor Street regarding public disturbances on Windsor Street near Hampshire Street.

In City Council October 7, 1996

Referred to the City Manager

on the motion
of Councillor Duchay

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