

October 15, 1988

Mr. John O'Brien
Administrator
Cambridge Hospital
1493 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

As residents of Camelia Avenue and Leanard Avenue in Cambridge we are deeply concerned about the operation of the methadone clinic at Cambridge Hospital. The influx of patients in the early morning hours creates a constant disturbance. Neighbors are routinely awakened by the automobile traffic and by the conversations of patients who loiter outside the clinic, ten to twenty minutes before opening time. Of all the services offered at the Hospital, the methadone clinic is the only one that has no waiting room available for patients who arrive early.

Until recently, the clinic was opened at 7:15 A.M. each weekday morning. As if that hour was not inconvenient enough for a drug rehabilitation center located in the middle of a densely residential neighborhood, last week the clinic opening hour was moved up to 6:30 A.M. Now, some patients begin arriving at 6:15 or 6:20 A.M. and loiter outside the clinic awaiting its opening.

As residents living in close proximity to Cambridge Hospital, we believe the situation has become intolerable. We request that the following steps be taken by Cambridge Hospital and by the North Charles Foundation, the operators of the methadone clinic:

First, that the clinic be opened no earlier than 7:15 A.M. on weekdays, and that this return to prior practice take effect immediately.

Second, that the clinic entrance be situated in the front of the Macht Building, as was the case in previous years, and that a waiting room area be provided for patients that arrive a few minutes early.

Third, that clinic patients be asked not to loiter outside the clinic before its opening, and that Cambridge Hospital post a guard to ensure that these rules are observed.

Finally, that if none of these solutions prove effective in reducing the noise created by the early-morning operation of the clinic, that consideration be given to operating the clinic at a different location.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Name

Address

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10 Camelia Avenue, Cambridge

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10 Camelia Ave., Cambridge

Steven Elman

8 Camelia Ave, Cambridge

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9 Leonard Avenue, Cambridge

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

OCTOBER 24, 1988

- WHEREAS: Residents of Camelia and Leonard Avenues, disturbed as early as 6:15 a.m. every morning by disorderly patients of the Cambridge Hospital's methadone clinic, object to earlier hours and a new location recently instituted; and
- WHEREAS: These residents have delivered the attached petition to the Hospital administrator, seeking reasonable steps to address their concerns; therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager request the Hospital administrator to change the clinic's procedures so as to meet the residents' needs, as outlined in the petition; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager report to the City Council his resolution of this matter as soon as possible.

ATTACHMENT



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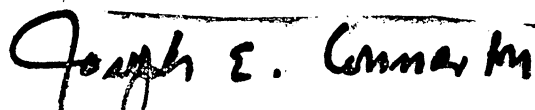
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In City Council October 24, 1988.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members..
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #16

F-474

C.D. Sullivan order re: that the City Manager request the Hospital Administrator to change the procedures of the Cambridge Hospital's Methadone Clinic with regard to its earlier hours, as outlined in the attached petition.

In City Council,

October 24, 1988

10-24-88

C.D. Sullivan

order Adopted

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