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Ms. Kathy Spiegelman
Acting Assistant City Manager
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Spiegelman:

As you requested, I asked a group of Mid-Cambridge residents who have opposed the establishment of a Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District to meet and discuss the issue further. The meeting took place on Monday evening, July 26.

Everyone who attended the meeting was quite concerned about the future of our community. We all expressed a great desire to see the area improve and prosper. None of us felt that the establishment of a neighborhood conservation district would contribute significantly to that objective. However, since some of our neighbors feel strongly about this matter, we felt that it would be best to continue negotiating about the issue in order to resolve it amicably.

To ensure the meaningfulness of future discussions, it is critical that the current proposal's proponents be aware of our concerns and that you provide us with additional data.

1. We are unalterably opposed to the proposal in its present form.
2. Future program proposals should include incentive components as well as regulatory components.
3. The current proposal seems to encompass three basic factors: aesthetics, demolition, and density/in-fill development. It is unlikely that we will reach a compromise on the first matter so we ought to focus on the latter two.
4. We would like the following information.
 - A. Demolitions
 - 1) the number of buildings demolished in Mid-Cambridge since 1977 by year and type of building
 - 2) reasons for demolition
 - 3) age of building
 - 4) what replaced the demolished structure
 - B. In-fill development
 - 1) the number of in-fill developments in Mid-Cambridge since 1977 by year and type of development
 - 2) the location of the developments
 - 3) a listing of which developments are objectionable and why
 - C. Zoning Law
 - 1) an explanation of why the proposal to establish a neighborhood conservation district is not

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- considered a zoning law
- 2) a copy and an explanation of the city's current demolition ordinance
 - 3) a copy and an explanation of the city's current townhouse ordinance

I look forward to continuing to work closely with you. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Edward B. Feinman

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cc: Mayor Vellucci

Vice Mayor Russell

Councillor Clinton

Councillor Danehy

Councillor Duehay

councillor Graham

Councillor D. Sullivan

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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting comm. from Edward B. Feinman, Re: a meeting recently held by a group of Mid-Cambridge residents who oppose the establishment of a Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District.

In City Council,

September 13, 1982

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City Manager for
Report*

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