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COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
MAYOR DUEHAY  
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

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August 24, 1998

*- do resolution  
- return to me so I  
can write letter.*

Katherine Triantafillou  
City Council Office  
Public Safety Commission  
795 Mass Ave  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Triantafillou:

I am concerned about the safety of a playground in East Cambridge, near the Harrington School. I am buying a house on Jefferson St., and the playground is virtually next door. In many respects, it is a very good playground. However, there are a couple of issues that concern me about it.

First, and by far the most important, is that there is no gate at the entrance, leading directly to the street. As the parent of a toddler, and caregiver to other toddlers, it is plain to me that this is a very dangerous situation. I cannot enough emphasize the urgency of this danger.

Secondly, there are older children who ride their bikes on the playground, despite a posted rule prohibiting it. They are not very careful of other children, particularly small children. There tend to be very few (if any) parents present to maintain safety. In addition, there are a good many of them doing this. I would appreciate any help on this matter.

Despite the constant supervision I have over my son, I still fear for his well-being. I strongly urge you to do something about these issues.

Thank you,



Danielle Walquist



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**Councillor Triantafillou re: Install a gate at the entrance of the playground near the Harrington School and enforce no bicycle riding rule.**

**In City council September 14, 1998**

*NO Action Taken  
See September 28, 1998*