

Dear ~~City Councilperson~~ Mayor Sullivan

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Thankyou,

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Rory Brashett

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City Hall
795 Mass Ave
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P.S Keep the developers
out of Central Square!

Thankyou,

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Lia Szabo

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64 Prospect St. Ap 2

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phone 661-1437 (work)

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Thankyou,

Name Gretchen Lane, Susan Wanner

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Kathie Lane

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12 Essex St Camb.

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661-1437

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We, the following, support the above groups in their requests
to the Cambridge City Council:

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Petition received from 8 individuals Re:
the premises numbered 595-605 Mass. Ave.
& 8-12 Essex St.

In City Council,

December 29, 1986

Placed on File