



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 27, 1997

VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

V B Born

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Wayne Welke
30 Dover Street No.3
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140
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Ms. Susan E. Clippinger, Director
Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department
City of Cambridge
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Re: Traffic Signal Improvements at Mass. Ave. and Dover St.

Dear Ms. Clippinger:

The enclosed petition represents a request on the part of the residents of Dover Street in North Cambridge to modify the type of traffic signal utilized at the referenced intersection for the purpose of increasing the safety of residents and motorists alike.

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The safety and security of the neighborhood is jeopardized by this traffic, particularly because of speeding which results from cars trying to "make the green light". Because the present signal is visible from more than a block away, cars also are tempted to run the stop sign at Orchard Street, further increasing the safety risk.

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The proposed improvements have been formally endorsed by the North Cambridge Stabilization Committee in a vote taken on 11 December 1996. It also has the unanimous support of the members of the Dover Street Residents Group.

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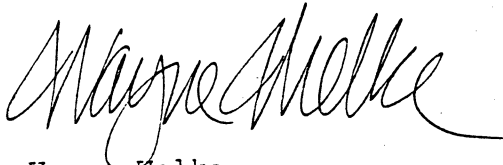
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