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**Subject:** Petition 1, Tonight Council; Meeting, Equity Office Curb Cut.

Dear Mayor Davis and Members of the Council,

I just received a copy of Michael Brandon's letter concerning the 160 CambridgePark Drive Curb Cut Petition. I thought it might be useful just to drop this quick note.

- As to matters of substance, this project has been the subject of extensive City review. All issues of flooding and its mitigation were reviewed thoroughly by the Cambridge Conservation Commission as well as Owen O'Riordan and his staff. This of course is required before the Conservation Commission issues the Order of Conditions.
- All other issues were considered by the Cambridge Planning Board prior to their issuing our Special Permits in the Alewife Overlay District, a Special Planning District that grew out of the recent Concord/Alewife Study. All relevant City Departments had to sign off on their respective jurisdictions as part of this review. This of course included the Department of Traffic and Parking, the Bicycle Committee and CCDD's own Transportation Division.
- As to matters of process, we appeared twice before the NCSC. We offered to appear again but were not asked to do so. The Planning Board's first Public Hearing was postponed. At 5pm, the night of our 8pm hearing, I received an urgent request from Michael Brandon for more time. I agreed. I wound up going back in front of the Planning Board on four additional evenings over a period of 5 months. The Conservation Commission of course only reviewed our request for an Order of Conditions as part of a properly advertised Public Hearing.
- Beyond this, I believe no other developer had shared as much information with the NCSC website as did our project team. We also set up a website of our own so as to spare Michael the administrative duties, given the volume of documents we were sharing.
- As to fire safety, one of my very first stops is always the Cambridge Fire Department. In fact, the third Curb Cut grew directly out of a request they made. I will not proceed with any building configuration unless it first receives their blessing.

The project team has been very conscientious in their approach to this project. We ask your favorable consideration of the Curb Cut request.

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