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March 18, 2013
To the City Council,

The following comments relate to Application #3 on the March 18, 2013 Council agenda regarding an application for a curb cut by Alberto Cavallo.

1. The occupants of 16 Channing St in their recent renovation made a decision to eliminate their previously private car port by changing it into a walled-in garden.
2. The occupants still have two semi-private spaces along their fence within Channing Circle.
3. The occupants now wish to make a curb cut on Channing St, increasing their semi/private parking to a total of three spots. This is a little excessive, considering how little parking there is on the street already due to the high amount people parking there who visit/work at Mt. Auburn Hospital.
4. The proposed curb cut would eliminate at least two parking spots on Channing St due to the fact that parking on either side of the driveway would be restricted by a couple feet. This would negatively effect many of the surrounding neighbors and add congestion to a street that commonly has cars parked all the way down the street.
5. The occupants of 16 Channing St have two semi-private parking spaces in Channing Circle and are not in dire need of a driveway. It becomes a question of private use versus public use of the said space, and in this case the answer is very clear which should take precedent.

For these reasons I am opposed to the proposed curb cut and ask that the Council deny it.

Thank You,

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