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To the City Council,

The following comments relate to an application for a curb cut by Alberto Cavallo (16 Channing St) on the Council agenda for April 1st, 2013.

As stated last week, I believe strongly that the curb cut application should be denied for the following reasons.

1. There appears to be confusion about who an abutter is – the application specifically states that “cooperation of immediate abutters is required for approval.” The application in fact is opposed by three out of the four immediate abutters. 18 Channing St my residence is the most directly impacted if a curb cut is granted. 17 Channing St – John and Lodovica also oppose the curb cut. And 19 Channing St, Tom Stohlman’s residence also opposes and was not even asked to sign the abutter form since he verbally opposed the curb cut in conversation.
2. The abutters who support the petition in Channing Circle will benefit from a curb cut because it will reduce the amount of cars parking in Channing Circle. And are not directly impacted by the curb cut.
3. The abutter who supports the petition (4-6 Channing Circle) has actually benefited from work done on the private road, along with the petitioner. With this work, an off-street parking space on the petitioners' property was converted into a garden/patio and their parking moved to the private road. In addition, 4-6 Channing Circle now looks out at their own car and a landscaped area, instead of other people's cars.
4. The main issue of concern for me is, that 16 Channing St’s previously private parking was transformed into a fenced-in yard, and now want a curb cut in addition to the two off-street spaces that are allotted to the residents.
5. Most importantly the elimination of two public parking spaces on Channing St and the additional congestion of having a curb cut near the corner of Channing St and Mt. Auburn is going to cause much more congestion and difficulty for all the abutters on Channing St.

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

Thank You,



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