

March 27, 2013
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.

- 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. I have pictures of two of their cars parked there simultaneously.
- 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 of people 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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