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To: City Council; Lopez, Donna
Subject: Curb Cut petition at 16 Channing St.

I recently became aware of a curb cut application submitted by Albert Cavallo of 16 Channing St.

It was brought to my attention by several Channing street abutters who are opposed to the curb cut and were not given the opportunity to submit their opposition on the application itself. This seems to be in violation of the requirement specified by the city application which says:

"The applicant must also include signed forms from abutters on the sides and rear of the property and from all property owners located across the street(s) from the property. If the applicant is unable to obtain these signatures, he/she must include a statement with the application that an attempt was made to secure the required signatures and that it was not possible to obtain them and indicate the reasons why it was not possible to obtain the signatures."

Parking on Channing Street is a nightmare Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. due to the Mt Auburn Hospital related vehicles. This has been this way for years and will continue to be so because most Cambridge residents have no incentive to pay for hospital parking when their Cambridge sticker allows them to park for free on Channing St. There is minimal parking related enforcement in this congested area.

Additionally, the applicant, whose property abuts the privately owned Channing Circle, as well as Channing Street) appears to have the legal ownership of 2 parking spaces within Channing Circle, beside their fenced in yard as long as they do not block the easement granted to the rear Channing Circle residents (#3,4,5).

Finally, there seems to be confusion about the status of the Mt. Auburn Neighborhood Association (MANA), which was not informed of this petition. Due to a situation a while ago in which the support of MANA was actually forged on a controversial curb cut application, MANA decided to neither support or oppose any future curb cut petitions, but instead to work directly with abutters and applicants to mediate difficult situations involving curb cuts.

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