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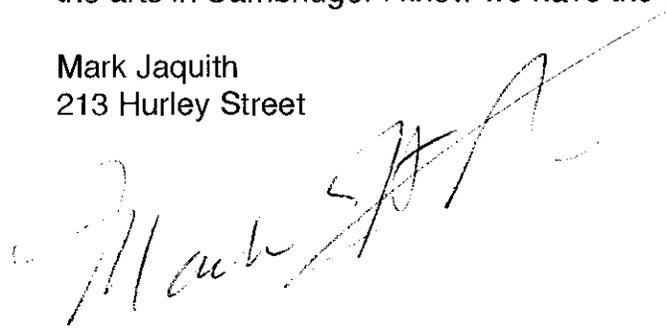
To the Cambridge City Council  
April 8, 2013

Going forward with the development of Kendall Square and Eastern Cambridge, there are still things that you, as our representatives can do. The economic development of the area is chugging right along. With over three million square feet of new commercial development in the pipeline, the City of Cambridge has ensured the opportunity for the growth of the innovation economy for years to come. With that growth will come new tax revenues enabling Our Fair City to retain it's secure and much envied fiscal standing. So after tonight should we all just sit back and wait for it all to happen?

I don't think so. We will have made many things possible, but many of the things that make a city the place you want to be will have to be worked on. You could say that the fun part starts now. Over the last few years many of us on both sides of the rail in this room have worked very hard to breathe life into the streets of Kendall Square. That work is beginning to make a difference. People are living there now and more are coming. It's become a dining destination. The Broad Canal has been transformed from an industrial ditch to a recreational amenity. With all of that we're still far from finished.

We've made big investments toward our future as a city. How we use the return on these investments will determine what type of city we'll leave our children. Some of these returns are coming in already. We have parks to design and build right now. A great city is made of all of this and more. A great city cherishes it's creative culture as well. Cambridge is home to many excellent arts endeavors for its children and adults. It's that whole mix that makes our city a place that people want to stay in. With this Cambridge has been a place where people want to stay. It's been a place that people want to raise their families in. We have the means to extend that to the eastern part of the city now, even as drama, dance, and music education is being squeezed out of other locations in the city. We have the means, and opportunity to stabilize and enhance the arts in Cambridge. I know we have the will too. Let's see what we can create.

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