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**From:** Carvello, Maryellen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 3:10 PM  
**To:** Cosgrove, Marybeth  
**Subject:** FW: Development of Gourmet Express site in Porter Sq.

For you!

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**From:** Judith Weiss [<mailto:judyw21@comcast.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 3:03 PM  
**To:** City Manager; City Council  
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**Subject:** Development of Gourmet Express site in Porter Sq.

Dear Mr. Rossi and City Councilors,

I understand that the developers of the former Gourmet Express at 1868 Mass. Ave are requesting to move the curb cut 8 feet closer to Mass. Ave, and to close the Mass. Ave. curb cut altogether. As a 20+ year resident of Porter Sq., I am writing to express my strong opposition to this plan.

As it stands currently, traffic often backs up on Mass Ave - both north and south - when cars turn onto Upland and then try to make a left into the parking lot, due to the heavy traffic coming down Upland toward Mass. Ave. Especially at rush hour, but it happens throughout the day. And Gourmet Express is not exactly a busy place! Closing the entrance to the property from Mass Ave and requiring all traffic to the property, including delivery trucks, to use Upland Rd. will be a nightmare.

Because of the train tracks, there are only 2 routes to travel west of Porter Sq. - Upland and Walden. Both routes are heavily travelled throughout the day, and traffic backs up regularly each time a car turns on to either road from Mass Ave and then tries to make a left into the parking lots.

Given the huge amount of dense development happening in Porter Sq., I beg you to consider the cumulative impact of the additional commercial and residential units on traffic overall. The city needs to do a traffic study that takes ALL the current and planned development in the Porter Sq. area into account.

Keep gridlock out of Porter Sq.!

Thank you,  
Judy Weiss  
21 Orchard St.