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**From:** Lopez, Donna  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2014 1:13 PM  
**To:** Cosgrove, Marybeth  
**Subject:** FW: MBTA Proposed Bus Shelter at 2440 Massachusetts Avenue

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**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2014 12:00 PM  
**To:** City Council; [leland@lelandcheung.com](mailto:leland@lelandcheung.com)  
**Cc:** Lopez, Donna  
**Subject:** MBTA Proposed Bus Shelter at 2440 Massachusetts Avenue

Dear Cambridge City Council,

I am writing to fervently object to the plans to erect a bus shelter outside the residential building at 2440 Massachusetts Avenue. There are several compelling reasons to cease or modify this current plan. To continue, would be insensitive to the local community:

- The shelter would reduce the clear path width of the accessible sidewalk route. According to the Architectural Access Board Rules and Regulations 521 CMR, section 20, Accessible Route standards, "An accessible route shall have a minimum clear width of 36 inches (36" = 914 mm) except at doors and at openings." The clear path here would be reduced to less than 36 inches, the minimum clear path width for single wheelchair passage. In order for someone in a wheelchair or someone pushing a stroller to travel down the sidewalk they would have to diverge from a straight path of travel and make four turns to avoid the new shelter and existing tree wells.
- The light pollution from a seven foot tall illuminated advertisement in front of our building. There is no other shelter along this route that is as close to any residential building. And the glowing advertisement would be only four feet from our residents windows.
- We already have a problem with littering and loitering at this location, which we fear would be worsened by providing a shelter for the litterers and loiterers. There is a liquor store across the street, and we regularly find liquor bottles in our landscaping.
- Our property has been repeatedly vandalized, and we fear that the shelter would provide another easy target for vandalism and graffiti. It could also shield vandals from our security video cameras.
- The proposed relocated bus stop would remove one of only two metered parking spots in front of our 42 unit building. These spots are important for visitors, contractors, and deliveries.

Why does this shelter even need to be in front of our building at all? The MBTA has been reviewing its bus stops and moving them on many of its routes, including this one. The shelter and the bus stop could be moved to the corner of Harvey Street or the corner of Edmunds Street. It would then be in front of commercial buildings, and I don't think that the owners of either Dunkin Donuts or the convenience store at Harvey Street would complain of potential customers.

Regards,

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