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Cambridge City Council
Ordinance Committee
c/o Office of the City Clerk
795 Massachusetts
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Petition by Patty Chen et al to Amend Central Square Overlay District
To extend nightclub use

Dear Members of the Council:

The Central Square Business Association supports expansion night club use within the Central Square Overlay District to include Main Street and the block of Prospect from Massachusetts Avenue to Bishop Allen Drive for the following reasons:

1. The proposed change will expand the options for lively entertainment uses within the Central Square district.
2. The proposed change will extend and reinforce Central Square's retail frontage along Mass Avenue to the edge of the MIT campus.
3. The proposed change is consistent with the findings of the Red Ribbon Commission and the deliberations of the Advisory Committee regarding development that promotes active and lively uses within the Central Square district.
4. The petitioner has operated a similar, locally owned establishment for a number of years on Mass Avenue and the proposed change will allow this and similar businesses opportunities to relocate within the district.

The CSBA represents property owners and businesses who, along with the residents of surrounding neighborhoods, are the stakeholders of Central Square. We are committed to a common vision of a lively and a vibrant retail and cultural district that serves all those who live, work and visit here in Central Square.

Very truly yours,
Central Square Business Association

George R. Metzger
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