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Lopez, Donna

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To: Lopez, Donna; City Council
Subject: Comment on Policy Order #4 - 05/21/12

To the Interim City Clerk, Donna Lopez and Cambridge City Council,

My name is Joseph Aiello and I live at 207 Charles St in East Cambridge. I just wanted to make a few brief comments for the record on this policy order because, unfortunately, the CRA has their meeting scheduled tonight for the same time as the Council meeting and I cannot be in two places at once.

Some of my neighbors know that I am involved in local politics and have started to come to me with issues they have to see if I have any advice or ways to help. One of the issues I have been hearing a lot about lately is that about "private" handicapped spots.

I took this issue to Councillor vanBeuzekom early last week after hearing Sue Clippinger explain (after talking to her at the Kendall Square Advisory meeting last Thursday) that the only real monitoring system the city has in place for people abusing the private handicapped space laws is the neighbors themselves, because the city does not know when people pass away or move. I do not think it is fair that the neighbors have to "rat" on each other just to make sure those spaces are being used legally.

There are two such spots on my block alone and everyone knows that neither household needs the special spot any longer. Why should it be in our hands? I would like to see something done in the city that makes it fair for both the people that need the spots and the neighbors that could use the parking.

I thank you all for your time and I thank Councillor vanBeuzekom for putting this order before the rest of the Council.

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