

Dear Mayor, Council Members, Planning Board Members, City Manager, State Rep. Decker, and Mr. Murphy,

We write to ask you to deny the special permit application (PB288) from Leggat McCall.

We live at 66 Thorndike Street, and have concerns about the current structure and future plans for the Sullivan Courthouse. We believe due consideration has not been given to the impact the redevelopment will have in East Cambridge.

Our property, which has direct exposure to the Courthouse, has already been damaged by the wind-tunnel effect created by the tall structure. Further, we do not have the benefit of off-street parking, a situation that is already made difficult by the volume of visitors to the Trial Courts as well as Kendall Square.

We are in favor of a thoughtful redevelopment plan, one that accounts for the character of East Cambridge and that gives appropriate consideration to immediate residents and all those who daily visit our neighborhood.

We ask the City of Cambridge to deny this special permit, and allow us to seek a better solution for our community.

Sincerely,
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