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**To:** Maher, David; City Council; City Manager; Murphy, Brian; Decker, Marjorie (home); Paden, Liza  
**Subject:** Special Permits for the Sullivan Courthouse re-development at 40 Thorndike Street in East Cambridge

February 24, 2014

To: The Cambridge Planning Board and the City Council:

Re: Special Permits for the Sullivan Courthouse redevelopment at 40 Thorndike Street in East Cambridge

We live at 85 Thorndike Street, just a block away from the proposed redevelopment site.

We have carefully reviewed the proposal from Leggat McCall and we strongly oppose such a plan.

Our major concerns are the traffic jam and noise. Over the last a couple years, several large commercial buildings have been built on nearby Binney Street, Charles Street, and Ames street. These buildings were designed to house thousands employees but currently are not occupied. Once these buildings are fully occupied, the traffic on the already congested Third Street and other streets nearby will be much worse. The proposed new development at 40 Thorndike Street will bring additional two thousand people and cars here daily which will significantly reduce the quality of life of the people in East Cambridge.

We therefore urge you not to grant an exception to a developer looking to profit from a non-conforming structure in our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns, and for your public service.

Sincerely,

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