



February 27, 2014

Mr. Hugh Russell, Chairman
City of Cambridge Planning Board
344 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: PB # 288, Edward J. Sullivan Courthouse Special Permit

Dear Mr. Russell and Members of the Board:

Last evening, the East Cambridge Planning Team met with Robert Dickey of Leggat McCall and members of his team to review data on the effects of wind, glare, and light reflection which we had not previously seen and had requested before he went to the Planning Board. These data were technical, and many seemed skeptical of the conclusions drawn.

The East Cambridge neighborhood believes that PB 288, which will change 40 Thorndike Street from public use as a courthouse and jail to private use as a commercial, residential and retail development will be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming building. Therefore, we ask that the Planning Board deny this Special Permit request. This was a unanimous decision of all those present.

Please consider the concerns of the neighborhood when making your final decision. With all good wishes,

Barbara Broussard

President, East Cambridge Planning Team