

Robert K. Bench
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Dear Cambridge Planning Board,

I write as a resident of Cambridge and a member of the East Cambridge community. East Cambridge has had the great fortune as being the center for innovation on the East Coast. With that innovation has come a new era for growth, jobs, development, and culture for our community and our City. New and long time residents of our community have both shared the burden and enjoyed the benefits of this new era. In short, we are in a time of opportunity for our City, and I ask the Cambridge Planning Board to take this opportunity to deny the permitting of the Sullivan Courthouse, and enable the community and our City to support more smart growth in East Cambridge.

The history of the Courthouse is well known. It began through the destruction of historic buildings to benefit the few and well-connected. It persisted through the years as a beacon of corruption, waste, and poor urban planning. Where it stands now lies in your hands.

We ask that you deny the permitting for the Sullivan Courthouse as requested by Legatt McCall. We ask that you promote smart growth in our City. We ask for a voice.

Sincerely,

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