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Subject: Communication 6, Meeting of October 17, 2016, Michael Turk, concerning Harvard's relation to tenant regulation in the City of Cambridge

Donna Lopez
City Clerk, City of Cambridge

Madam Clerk:

Please add the following as a communication to the City Council in the next meeting of the Cambridge City Council.

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RE: Communication 6, Meeting of October 17, 2016, Michael Turk, concerning Harvard's relation to tenant regulation in the City of Cambridge

To the Honorable, the Cambridge City Council:

To follow up on Mr. Turk's comments, you should be aware that the historical building at 10 Mt. Auburn Street, western corner of Banks Street, was saved from demolition by Harvard by order of the Rent Control Board under the Removal Ordinance portion of the Rent Control Law in 1984 / 1985.

I filed the relative complaint after rather massive research, including search of probate records in the Probate Court in Salem.

The hearing in front of the examiner ran at least a week. It included a site survey in which the examiner did a very impressive historical inspection of the property. He found one rent controlled unit in the property. The Rent Control Board concurred and prohibited destruction.

This building is key in the fabric of the Kerry Corner neighborhood south of Mt. Auburn Street in this area. The fact that it was not destroyed could very easily have resulted in Harvard's decision to build at a scale and character consistent with the neighborhood.

Of great help in this victory was Ms. Anne Toop, late of Green Street.

Mr. Turk's encouragement was a major factor in my entering into this fight and in my prosecuting this victory.

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Thank you.

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