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**From:** pb\_s <pb.sakata@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Lopez, Donna  
**Subject:** Shepard Restaurant: Wood Burning Stove Policy

I have been a resident of Cambridge for the past 10 years. More specifically, I have lived within the same 500-foot radius area: the first 7 were on Wendell as a graduate student, and after meeting my now husband, we moved down the street to Shepard, and have been there for the past 3 years.

Shepard Restaurant is an extension to our living room. It is where we stop on our way home to decompress about the day. It is where we brought Nick's mom to celebrate Mother's Day. It is where we brought my mom from Brazil to enjoy local food. It is where we came straight from our wedding reception with our party guests.

In their process of getting acclimated, we have witnessed this wonderful addition to the neighborhood grow through many changes - in finding its identity, refining the menu, and improving the facilities. That includes adjustments to the smoke stack on multiple occasions. We only have positive associations to the flame and aroma coming from the Restaurant - it warms my heart to walk by and see friendly faces lit by the amber glow, and then try to guess what Susan and Peter may be creating with their team in the kitchen. That's amazing way to arrive home after work.

As far as the noise is concerned, we hear more from college students walking down the street at 2am than any additional traffic from the Restaurant (or from any of the many great businesses on and around Mass Ave, for that matter). It is part of living in this energetic, eclectic, and unique place in the City of Cambridge.

We have gladly embraced Shepard as the hearth of the neighborhood. It is a place where we run into (old and new) neighbors and friends, widening while connecting our community. We feel the pride and love in the work, in the hospitality, in the creativity, in the generosity, from everyone who has made Shepard their place of employment - from behind the bar: Nick, Ryan, Alex, Young, Amy; to the front of house; Rene, Rachel, Syd, Amy, Jim; to the kitchen: Susan, Peter; to the floor: Alem, Gonzalez, Dave. They treat everyone with great attention and respect - we would like to think we reciprocate in kind.

We are all fortunate to belong to this particular community, and our neighbor Shepard Restaurant has greatly added to its character.

Thank you,  
Patricia & Nick  
19 Shepard Street  
Cambridge, MA

If you could confirm you have received this email, it would greatly appreciated. We hope to have it be read out-loud at the City Council meeting this upcoming Monday.