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To: Lopez, Donna
Subject: Supportive of the Wood Fired Grill at Shepard from local Cambridge Resident

To: Cambridge City Clerk, for the Hearing October 31st

To Whom it May Concern,

I have lived in Cambridge for over 25 years in six different dwellings from Central Square, Harvard Square, the Marsh District and currently residing at 2 Hemlock Road in Cambridge. I frequently eat at Shepard and believe the city should be celebrating and rewarding them for the national acclaim they have brought themselves and the city of Cambridge. Instead, as a result of what seems like a small number unreasonably inconsolable and vocal citizens they are being unnecessarily bullied.

When one decides to live in any sort of urban or shared living environment you need to show some tolerance toward and expect it from your neighbors. As I noted I have lived all over this city and in some cases have been right next to commercial establishments. That was my decision and the fact that such an establishment might have late operating hours, have loud music, or prepared food which as a side effect generated some odors was always something I investigated and took into consideration before moving in.

In the case of Shepard I eat their very often and as a result I am always and only there when their wood grill is operational. I often bring guests and on approach tell them of the grill but under none of those situations have we been able to smell it along our walking approach. Even so I understand management has gone out of their way to put additional scrubbers on the roof, at considerable expense, to try and appease what has felt like whining by some neighbors who perhaps should consider living in some more remote location, not on a block that abuts Mass Ave with dozens of restaurants.

There are a number of fine restaurants within the Cambridge city limits that use wood ovens and grills to prepare their food. I believe these establishments normally are and should be celebrated by their neighborhoods, not persecuted by them.

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