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From: Albert Huang [ashuang@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 12:00 AM
To: Paden, Liza; City Council; City Manager; Mayor
Subject: Please deny the Leggat McCall application PB288 re the Sullivan Courthouse

Dear:
Cambridge Mayor,
Cambridge Council Members,
Cambridge Planning Board Members, and
Cambridge City Manager

I am writing to urge that the special permit application (PB288) from Leggat McCall be denied.

I have been an East Cambridge homeowner and resident since 2005, and the Sullivan Courthouse is one of the few parts of the neighborhood that I purposely avoid. The building is excessively large and imposing, has a depressing brutalist atmosphere, and negatively impacts the neighborhood. The proposed development of the building would not address any of the concerns of nearby residents, and would only serve to enrich a small group of developers at the cost of the neighborhood. With all of the other commercial development happening in East Cambridge and the Kendall Square area, we need more housing units, not commercial space that encroaches on residential areas. The proposed development would continue to cast a long shadow on East Cambridge, make the traffic problems on 3rd street even worse, and the building itself would still be grossly out of character and out of place in the neighborhood. I write in full support of the Neighborhood Association of East Cambridge, whose arguments are summarized at <http://40thorndike.org>, and implore that you deny this permit application.

Sincerely,
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