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Cambridge Democratic City Committee
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The Honorable Deval Patrick
Governor
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State House
Room 360
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

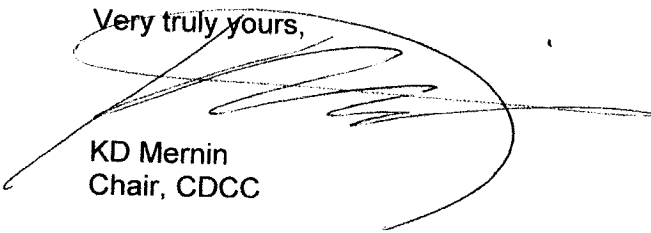
Dear Governor Patrick:

As chair of the Cambridge Democratic City Committee, I am writing to inform you that the CDCC is very concerned about preserving the Belmont Silver Maple Forest.

The enclosed resolutions are illustrative of this fact. The most recent, our *Resolution in Support of Preserving and Protecting the Belmont Silver Maple Forest* was passed by the CDCC on May 31st. Inter alia, this resolution requests that Representative William Brownsberger "promote a Bill to purchase the Belmont Uplands and to work with the Trust for Public Land to negotiate a settlement with O'Neill Properties," the owner. Our earlier resolution on the Silver Maple Forest issue was directed to officials in Cambridge.

I am sure that members of the CDCC will be very grateful for any assistance you can provide in preserving this area.

Very truly yours,


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Chair, CDCC

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Resolution in Support of Preserving and Protecting the Belmont Silver Maple Forest

- Whereas, The Cambridge Democratic City Committee, through the initiative of Ward 6, has adopted a resolution to preserve the Belmont Silver Maple Forest, of which 30 acres are in Cambridge adjoining the City's largest fragile wetlands; and
- Whereas, The Zoning Board of Appeals of the town of Belmont has passed a Decision to allow O'Neill Properties of Pennsylvania, owners of the property on which the forest is located, to proceed with plans for building on the forest; and
- Whereas, A Civil Action has now been filed against O'Neill Properties by Little Pond and Winn Brook neighbors and environmental organizations; therefore be it

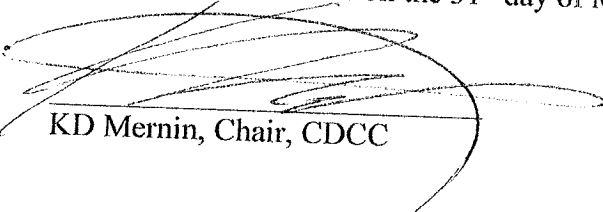
RESOLVED, That the Cambridge Democratic City Committee supports the efforts of the plaintiffs in Civil Action to preserve the Belmont Uplands; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Cambridge Democratic City Committee calls upon State Representative William Brownsberger of Belmont, Cambridge, and Arlington to promote a Bill to purchase the Belmont Uplands and to work with the Trust for Public Land to negotiate a settlement with O'Neill Properties; and be it further

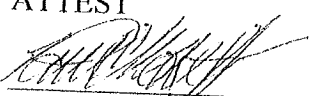
RESOLVED, That the Cambridge Democratic City Committee supports the Bill by State Senator Robert Havern, which would require a full environmental impact study of the area before permits would be given along Route 2; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Cambridge Democratic City Committee shall send copies of this resolution to the Cambridge legislative delegation, the Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs, and the *Cambridge Chronicle*.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Cambridge City Democratic Committee on the 31st day of May 2007.


KD Mernin, Chair, CDCC

ATTEST


Paul Vermouth, Secretary, CDCC

Cambridge Democratic City Committee Resolution

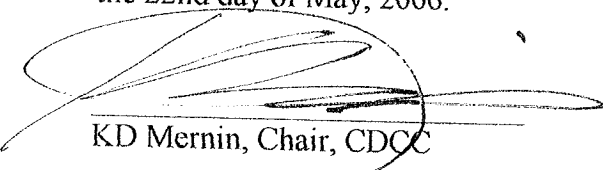
Whereas, In accordance with the principles of environmental stewardship as embodied in the words of Henry David Thoreau, "in wilderness is the salvation of the world," it is incumbent upon us to take action to preserve our precious wilderness areas; and,

Whereas, The Alewife Reservation is the last remaining wilderness area within the City of Cambridge and its adjacent communities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Cambridge Democratic City Committee urges the Cambridge City Council and the City Manager of the City of Cambridge to strongly oppose the Belmont 40B Project proposed for the land adjacent to the Alewife Reservation on the Cambridge/Belmont line as said proposal will negatively impact its Silver Maple Forested uplands and its wetlands areas; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City of Cambridge, the City Manager of the City of Cambridge and each member of the Cambridge City Council by the Secretary of this committee upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Cambridge City Democratic Committee on the 22nd day of May, 2006.


KD Mernin, Chair, CDCC

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Paul Vermouth, Secretary, CDCC