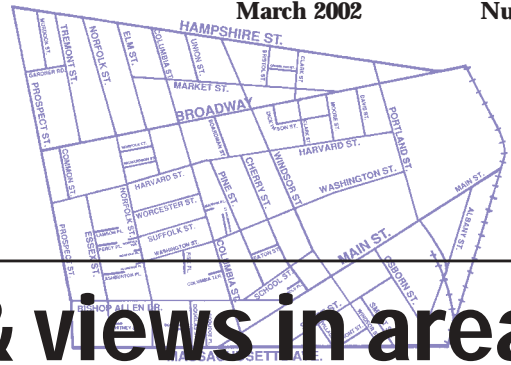


# 4word



## news & views in area 4



### Area 4—A Neighborhood of Many Backgrounds

The latest 2000 Census does not tell the whole story. The numbers tell us that Area 4 is the most diverse neighborhood in Cambridge, but it is the daily life and vitality of the neighborhood that gives us a true picture of what makes Area 4 special. According to the 2000 Census, Area 4 has one of the highest percentages of families with children and one of the lowest populations of persons living alone in the city. Area 4 has the highest percentage of children under age 18 (23%) and is the

neighborhood with the highest proportion of low-income residents.

Area 4 is the only neighborhood in the city that has no majority race or place of origin. Area 4 is 46% white, 30% Black, and 8% Asian/Pacific. Nearly 16% of those who answered the Census in Area 4 reported that they were of Hispanic origin, that is, they were Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, among others. In all other neighborhoods, with the exception of the

MIT campus area, white is the majority race. In the city as a whole, 68% of residents are white, 12% are Black, 1% are Asian/Pacific, and 7% list themselves as Hispanic.

Where neighbors buy their groceries, and what they buy, gives us more insights into Area 4 today. No longer do we shop exclusively in Central Square, as we once did. The Manhattan Market and the Supreme are gone. Neighborhood markets

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## From the Editor

The world is forever changed after September 11.

The costs of terrorism and war are causing cutbacks in health care, education, housing, and human services. The military budget is sucking the life out of programs that we need if we are to have a just society.

This edition of the *4word* looks at two decisions that were made by the City Council in the name of war. Recently, 260 Cambridge taxicab owners and drivers said in a petition before the City Council that increasing the number of accessible taxicabs in a time of "economic recession and war is not good public policy." A majority of the City Council agreed. Draper Lab, in a last minute move to increase the potential size of a new development bordering and impacting Area 4, was granted a special amendment to the Eastern Cambridge Zoning Ordinance because, as one councilor stat-

ed, "we are at war." Draper Lab has long been involved in the development of military weapons components.

The 2000 Census reveals in numbers the true diversity of our neighborhood—something we have long been proud of. Area 4 is the only neighborhood in the city that has no majority race or place of origin. We can see ourselves mirrored in our grocery stores. But rents are soaring out of sight, and we know that many people are still being forced out of Cambridge. Development continues without regard to issues of parking, density, and affordability. Affordable housing opportunities, both rental and home ownership, must be expanded.

Cambridge spends more than \$17,000 on each student, yet because of MCAS, many of the children in the city will be denied a diploma. We urge the School Committee to fight back and preserve its diploma-granting authority.

The June issue of the *4word* will feature a new neighborhood group forming to



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**A community celebration in Area 4**

improve safety, eliminate graffiti, stop noise pollution, and increase lighting.

Thanks for all of your suggestions about places, events, and people to include in the Area 4 Walking Tour. Keep them coming.

## Neighborhood

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give us an additional look at the cultural heritage of our neighbors because in no other neighborhood in the city do we find such a variety of food from places such as Haiti, Ireland, Italy, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Cape Verde, El Salvador, Korea, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Jamaica, China, Guatemala, Colombia, Japan, Tibet, Brazil, Portugal, India, Pakistan, Greece, Tanzania, and the Azores (to name a few), as we do in Area 4.

Visit your neighborhood store, check it out!



## MANHATTAN MARKET

"The fine, commodious new 'Manhattan market' opposite Essex Street at 610 Massachusetts Avenue, will be opened for inspection one week from next Wednesday night," read the report in the 1895 *Cambridge Chronicle*. The report went on to say that "One notices the large floor space with every convenience...the front is after the latest New York style of four doors between two display windows...the handsome show cases, 40 feet long with plate glass and German mirrors inside, will prove a great attraction to the ladies."

Suzanne Green of Area 4 wrote to Charles Sullivan, the director of the Historical Commission, in 1993, "Next time when you describe Manhattan Market as the first supermarket, please don't leave your audience with the mental picture of a present Star Market or Stop and Shop. Each section had a separate counter (meat, fish, bread, veggies, etc.), with a salesman behind it. Some were



**Manhattan Market, 1907  
(Now Tello's, Wendy's, Supreme Liquors)**

Courtesy of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities

along the walls and some in islands on the floor. The salesman, always a man, of course!, was told, when your turn came, what you wanted, and then he assembled the items, wrote the prices on a brown bag, added them up, bagged the items, you paid, and off you went to the next counter."

(Store photos by Gerald Bergman.)

## People Pride

The Area 4 neighborhood has been home to Charlie and Mary Menunoo since they came to Cambridge nearly 80 years ago. In 1974 they moved into the John F. Kennedy Apartments, 55 Essex Street. Charlie is 90 and Mary is 88. They have been married for 64 years. While many residents recently left 55 Essex Street because of the impending disruption from the renovations, they decided to stay. "The chance to stay in the community, and take advantage of assisted living should the need arise, is why we stayed. We were afraid that if we left, we would not be able to return."

In the 1970s and 1980s the Menunoos logged thousands of hours of volunteer

time with programs at the Cambridge Committee of Elders, located on Pearl Street. Meal programs, community activities, and organizing for universal health care became possible thanks to their tireless efforts. While others often received the glory, they were willing to stay in the background, doing the daily work that makes success possible.

Mary and Charlie have been active in the Greek community for decades, and recalled the days when the Greek community was centered around School and Main streets in Area 4. "Those houses were knocked down years ago and replaced with parking lots, and the Greek community was scattered. The loss of rent control has continued to force people out of the neighborhood. We are being squeezed by Harvard and MIT," said Charlie.

Being able to stay in affordable housing and buy affordable groceries are among their major concerns.

"Remember when the First National Food Store was on Prospect Street [now Bread and Circus], and then in Lafayette Square, and the Manhattan Market and then Purity Supreme were in Central Square?" asked Mary. "The renovation of 55 Essex Street makes us nervous about the changes, but also offers an affordable place to live in the future, especially if one of us needs more care. And we have to take care of each other."



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**Mary Menunoo**

## The Modernization of JFK Apartments

John F. Kennedy Apartments, an eight-story, 83-unit public housing development for elders and disabled people located on Essex Street is now being renovated. First occupied in 1963, JFK Apartments is the oldest of CHA's housing developments for elders.



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**John F. Kennedy Apartments on Essex Street**

The existing eight-story building will be completely revitalized. Undersized studio apartments will be converted to one-bedroom units. Upon completion, the total number of units will be reduced to 69 one-bedroom apartments, including 25 units dedicated to a new assisted-living program for frail elders, and 44 independent units. All units will remain affordable in perpetuity.

In an effort to respond to the needs of CHA's growing frail elderly population, a 25-unit assisted-living program will be developed on-site with a full complement of supportive services.

To replace the 14 units that will be lost at JFK to make room for the assisted-living program and conversion of studios to one-bedroom apartments, CHA will acquire 14 one-bedroom condominium units scattered throughout the City. No affordable units will be lost as a result of this renovation work.

For more information about this exciting Area 4 project, please contact Jen Faigel, CHA's HOPE VI project coordinator, at 520-6256.

## African American Heritage Trail Contest Winner

Thanks to all Area 4 residents who entered the *4word* African American Heritage Trail Contest. At the drawing on January 10, Janelle Sullivan was the lucky winner of a \$30 gift certificate to Toscanini's on Main Street. Thanks go out to Gus Rancatore, the owner of Toscanini's, for his generous donation.

Janelle correctly identified the location of the three Heritage Trail markers located in Area 4, all of which were pictured in the December edition of the *4word*. You can see the marker of Charlotte Hawkins Brown, the noted educator, lecturer, social worker, and religious leader in front of the John F. Kennedy Apartments at 55 Essex St. The marker for



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**Janelle Sullivan with her twin daughters, Madden (left) and Riley (right)**

abolitionist and state representative Joshua Bowen Smith is located at 79 Norfolk Street, and the marker for the writers and lecturers J. Milton Clarke and Lewis Clarke is located at 2 Florence Place, next to the Gospel Room.

# Cambridge Has the Right To Grant Diplomas

by *Jonathan King*,  
Area 4 resident and parent of children  
in the Cambridge Public Schools

At the February 5 meeting of the Cambridge School Committee, the School Department reported the numbers of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School 11th graders who are at risk of being denied a diploma next year because of their scores on either the math or English language arts MCAS tests (see box). More than 40 students, parents, and educators emphasized that the Cambridge School Committee must not relinquish its right to grant diplomas.

The decision to deny students their diploma based solely on a set of standardized test scores has been made by the nine-member State Board of Education appointed by former governors William Weld and Paul Cellucci. This misguided policy represents a state override of the historic authority of elected school committees to grant diplomas.

Since the founding of the first public high school in the United States in Boston, there have been intense policy debates over the content, emphasis, and goals of secondary education. During all those debates, the authority to grant high school diplomas has remained vested in local school committees, school superintendents, and high school principals. This model was established in 1837 when the Massachusetts legislature wisely refused to vest degree-granting authority to the State Department of Education. It has continued to the present time.

The almost universal support for this policy among educators is based on the recognition that only people who know students and their school performance and experience can assess their development, accomplishments, and contributions. More generally, given the complex

## MCAS and Graduation

In 10th grade, in 2001, the MCAS tests were administered as a requirement for graduation for the first time. Tenth-grade students must pass both the English Language Arts (ELA) and the Math tests to earn a competency determination and a diploma.

In the 10th grade, 47%, or 236 students, failed either the ELA or the math or both. This number includes students who have not yet taken the test, most of whom are Limited English Proficient (LEP) and are temporarily exempt because they had not been in the country for three years or more. These students, many from Area 4, will still be required to pass the MCAS in order to graduate from high school.

Students receiving special education service (SPED), English language learners (LEP), and low-income students have the lowest achievement rates in the district. Passing rates in the ELA for African Americans and Latinos fell from the initial year of testing in 1998, thereby widening the racial achievement gap in the rates of proficiency over four years.

The School Committee will soon begin debate on a motion submitted by School Committee member Alan Price that states that Cambridge will continue to award high school diplomas to seniors who meet CRLS graduation requirements, regardless of their MCAS scores. This motion was publicly supported by School Committee members Alice Turkel and Nancy Walser at the February 5 meeting.

character of human intelligence and performance, no set of standardized tests can properly assess a student's performance, competence, or contribution to determine whether they qualify for their high school diploma.

or failing the MCAS should not determine whether a student receives a high school diploma. The multifaceted criteria developed by educators over the past decades—courses taken, academic performance, extracurricular achievements, and school citizenship—should remain in place. Assessment of a student's learning is the proper business of principals, teachers, and instructional staff, under the oversight of elected school committees.



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*Tenth-grade student Andrew King of Area 4 was one of dozens who urged the School Committee to keep their degree-granting authority*

With the imposition of the high-stakes MCAS tests, we have for the first time a one-size-fits-all straitjacket forced upon our local schools. The tests, sold to the Board of Education by a Texas-based company, are deeply flawed and discriminatory, and are doing serious damage to our students, teachers, and classrooms. They undermine lively teaching, push out inquiry-based curriculum, and return our children's

education to the turn of the century rote-learning mode. Children may be creative writers, talented musicians, superb athletes, designers of computer games, club presidents, or community leaders; if they do not pass the 10th-grade MCAS in both math and English they will not graduate.

The Cambridge School Committee should not hand over its responsibility to decide on school diplomas. Passing

## School Committee Ballot Recount

The ballot recount for School Committee ended in December, several weeks after the November 6 election. The final tally resulted in the same result, Richard Harding, Jr., of Area 4 was in and Susana Segat was out. Harding beat Segat by a slim seven votes. Harding said that "it's like winning twice" and he urged voters to remember that "every vote counts." It cost \$2.18 each to recount the 17,666 votes cast.



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*Richard Harding, Jr., a School Committee recount winner*

## New Student Assignment Plan Is Based on Income, Not Race

In December, the Cambridge School Committee unanimously adopted a new school assignment policy, which desegregates schools by income rather than race. Under the previous “controlled choice” plan, parents listed their top three school choices, and final assignments were based primarily on race. This plan brought racial diversity but not economic diversity to most city schools.

The new plan will be phased in gradually. Income will be determined by eligibility for free and reduced-price lunch. In the first year, schools will be allowed to deviate 15 percentage points from the district-wide percentage of free and reduced-price meal participants, in the second year, 10 percentage points, and in the third year, 5 percentage points. The income limit for the free or reduced-price lunch is \$32,000 for a family of four.

Statistics show that students in schools with high concentrations of low-income students perform poorly on standardized tests such as the MCAS. The intent of the change in the desegregation policy is to equalize and improve school performance.

The two schools in Area 4, the Cambridgeport School (housed in the former Fletcher School on Elm Street) and the New Fletcher Maynard Academy, are striking examples of this lack of economic diversity. The Cambridgeport School has 13% low-income students based on statistics for free and reduced-price meals, the lowest percentage in Cambridge, while the New Fletcher Maynard Academy has 67% low-income students, among the highest percentages in the city. According to the Massachusetts Department of Education, 40% of elementary school students in Cambridge are eligible for free and reduced-price meals.

Over 30 parents, teachers, and community advocates met to discuss the new assignment policy in February at the New Fletcher Maynard Academy. At stake was a decision regarding the school’s “special status” sibling preference policy, which allows unconditional sibling enrollment in the new school if a child’s family was part of the March 2000 merger. Keeping the current policy would partially override the new desegregation policy, resulting in a greater socioeconomic imbalance

“While it is important to diversify by race and socioeconomic status, most importantly we are about keeping families together.”

—Robin Harris  
Principal of the New Fletcher  
Maynard Academy

at the school than if the new desegregation policy were fully implemented.

The honest, open, and sometimes heated discussion covered issues of class, race, neighborhood, quality of education, parent involvement, diversity, and mission. There was concern that if the sibling preference were dropped it would be more difficult to enroll Area 4 children in the school. Others wanted to keep sibling preference because it was promised to families who participated in the merger. Advocates for the new assignment plan hoped that the change would bring more diversity, resources, and parent participation. For some, the vote was symbolic, for or against creating a diverse learning environment. While there was a wide range of viewpoints, the final consensus was that the current sibling preference policy would remain, as speaker after speaker spoke about building a community of learners that supported families.

## Get Involved in the School Budget

Parents from across the city met with school administrators, School Committee members, and City Councilors in February to begin review of the five-year fiscal plan for the Cambridge Public Schools. Notably absent were parents of color, immigrants, non-English-speaking parents, and parents from Area 4. The news was not good. This year the School Committee will face at least a \$2.3 million budget deficit, which could grow to \$4 million if the state cuts aid to cities and towns. The projected cost per pupil is estimated to rise from \$17,221 in 2002 to \$21,419 in 2006. According to School Superintendent Bobbie D’Alessandro, “The per pupil cost in Cambridge public schools may be the highest public school pupil cost in the United States.”

While school spending increases, the number of students has decreased by 10% over the past five years. It is projected that the school system will lose another 10% of its students in the next five years. This year’s

total budget is over \$123 million for just over 7,000 students.

Most of the discussion centered on ways in which two to five elementary schools, out of the current fifteen schools, can merge or be closed over the next five years. This merging and/or closing would result in an average

“The per pupil cost in Cambridge public schools may be the highest public school pupil cost in the United States.”

—Bobbie D’Alessandro  
School Superintendent

classroom size of approximately 19–22 students. The recent merger between the Fletcher School and the Maynard School came about because their enrollments had dropped below 300, the minimum enrollment number that must be maintained. Currently the Haggarty, Amigos, Kennedy, and King Schools have enrollments under 300. The minimum number of students that

would have to be enrolled in a school, and the criteria for merging and closing schools, are under review by School Department administrators.

Enrollments at the New Fletcher Maynard Academy and Cambridgeport School in Area 4 are on the rise. Superintendent D’Alessandro praised the Fletcher-Maynard merger as a model for future mergers. According to D’Alessandro, “The New Fletcher Maynard Academy has produced far beyond anyone’s expectations, and we are all proud.”

Other ways to cut spending that were discussed at length included cuts in administration, limiting the number of aides in classrooms, and privatizing services.

In early March the Superintendent will make final recommendations, with public hearings scheduled for late March. The final School Committee vote is scheduled for early April. A summary of the fiscal plan is posted on the school department web page [www.cps.ci.cambridge.ma.us](http://www.cps.ci.cambridge.ma.us), or contact a member of the Cambridge School Committee for further information.

# Affordable Housing and Parking— Issues in Area 4

Recent plans to build additional market-rate housing in Area 4 has raised concerns about increased density, lack of adequate parking, and the failure to provide affordable units. Plans to build three condominium units above the building that houses the B-Side Lounge on Hampshire and Windsor Streets, three residential units above Camie's

Bakery on Harvard and Columbia Streets, and four units across from Camie's in the vacant lot on Harvard Street have recently brought out neighbors to Board of Zoning Appeal hearings.

Neighbors are voicing concerns about the addition of residential units above the B-Side Lounge building and Camie's Bakery because of a lack of parking in the neighborhood. The owner of the B-Side Lounge building would build two additional floors above the businesses on 92–94 Hampshire Street, and Camie's Bakery would build one additional floor. The vacant lot across from Camie's Bakery does not have sufficient room to provide parking for four units.

Several neighbors have also called for at least one affordable unit in each of the new developments. Figures obtained from the recent Cambridge Housing Authority rent study state that in Area 4 the typical rent for a one-bedroom apartment is \$1148, for a two-bedroom apartment the rent is \$1505, and for a three-bedroom apartment the rent is \$1859. New three-bedroom housing units on Market Street were initially advertised for prices in excess of \$1,000,000. The city's assessor's office is making the new evaluations of property in Cambridge available online at [www.ci.cambridge.ma.us](http://www.ci.cambridge.ma.us), in local libraries, and at the assessor's office in City Hall.



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*Camie's Bakery on Harvard and Columbia Streets*



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*B-Side Lounge on Hampshire and Windsor Streets*



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*Affordable home ownership on Harvard Street, partially funded by the Area Four Neighborhood Coalition*

## Letter to the Editor

"The present parking situation in the Area 4 neighborhood is intolerable because of the B-Side Lounge, and it has gone on far too long....Don't they know they're forcing us to drive around 'forever' looking for a place to park? There's this 'I can park anywhere I want to' attitude and I honestly believe they would not be able to get away with it in any other neighborhood. The traffic department has responded to the many telephone complaints by additional ticketing at night, and I am grateful for that, but it hasn't ended the problem. I also think a \$15 ticket is too low. What good is my resident sticker when I finally end up parking three or four blocks away from my house at night? All I know is that it is a mess and something needs to be done."

Sincerely, J. S.

## Future Use of the Former St. Mary's School in Doubt

It was a marriage made in heaven, but that wasn't enough to save a recent negotiation to bring the Community Learning Center to the former St. Mary's School on Essex Street. The Cambridge Community Learning Center, serving hundreds of local adults in language and job-training classes, has been looking for a new home over the past several months.

Over the years, St. Mary's buildings have had many community uses. The former convent at 116 Norfolk Street was sold and converted to assisted and shared-living apartments for the elderly some 20 years ago. But attempts to convert St. Mary's buildings to public uses have not

always been successful. Several years ago, Area 4 residents lobbied the City to purchase the former St. Mary's building on the corner of Harvard and Prospect Streets for a youth and community center. This magnificent building had two gyms, classrooms, a dental clinic, a full arts stage, and many other features. Yet the City and the archdiocese could not come to an agreement and the building was eventually sold for business condominiums.

St. Mary's Parish needed a yearly rental income of at least \$100,000 in order to maintain current buildings and programs, but the Community Learning Center, a City of Cambridge program, was unable to commit sufficient rent amounts due to the high cost of renovating the building. According to both city and church representatives, the City agreed to spend \$1.1 million on renovations and approximately \$27,000 to \$50,000 on rent for each year of a ten-year lease. It now appears likely that the St. Mary's School

**"My heart was broken that we could not come to an agreement with the City."**

—Pastor Canavan  
St. Mary of the Annunciation Church

will be rented by the Somerville High School Charter School. Some people fear that Cambridge residents will enroll in the Somerville Charter School, thereby taking scarce dollars away from the Cambridge school system. "Each student lost to the Somerville Charter School will result in a loss of revenue," according to School Committee member Fred Fantini, who lobbied in favor of the Community Learning Center.

## City Council Shocks the Disabled Community

Cambridge proudly announces on all its literature that it does not discriminate against persons with disabilities, yet in Cambridge it is difficult, if not impossible, to find an accessible apartment or an accessible taxicab for disabled people when you need one.

Currently only seven cabs out of 255 cabs on the road are outfitted for full wheelchair access. After an 18-month study of the taxi industry, the License Commission voted on November 29 to begin adding seven additional accessible cabs in March.

"The disabled and the elderly have been shown to receive a significant lack of service," said Benjamin Barnes, chairman of the License Commission.

Over 260 taxicab drivers and owners signed a petition opposed to the License Commission action, claiming that increasing the number of accessible cabs in a time of "economic recession and war is not good public policy"! Cab

owners crowded into City Hall on January 14 protesting an increase in the number of cabs for disabled persons.

While the independent Cambridge License Commission has the sole power to determine how many wheelchair-accessible cabs are in use in Cambridge, it is often influenced by actions of the City Council. Bowing to City Council pressure, the License Commission then decided to modify their earlier vote and add only four new accessible cabs in 2002 and three additional accessible cabs in 2003. They also agreed to implement several program suggestions made by cab owners and operators.

**"It's a matter of civil rights. People have a right to public transportation, even if you have a disability."**

—Bet MacArthur  
Chairwoman of the Cambridge  
Commission for People  
with Disabilities

Imagine the shock felt by advocates for accessible transportation when a majority of the Cambridge City Council rejected the License Commission compromise and

attempted to "block" any increase in accessible cabs. At their meeting on January 28, the City Council voted that no new accessible cabs be added to the Cambridge fleet until a lengthy list of cab owners' demands were implemented. This order was supported by Councilors Simmons, Sullivan, Decker, Murphy, Reeves, Galluccio, and Maher. Only Councilors Davis and Toomey

cilors who argued that Draper Lab needed the bigger building because the United States is at war. Draper Lab, which has long been involved in weapons development for the military, asked for the larger building after months of community meetings about eastern Cambridge zoning had already ended.

According to city planners, Draper Lab could have built its planned 150,000-square-foot building without this special City Council amendment if it had agreed to provide open space and/or affordable housing on other property it could purchase in eastern Cambridge. The City Council amendment, passed on a 9-0 vote, will not only increase traffic, density, and pollution in an area bordering Washington Elms and Newtowne Court, it will also result in a potential loss of open space and affordable housing.

## City Council Delivers a War Bonus to Draper Lab

At the first of several planned meetings to update the Area Four Neighborhood Study, the Cambridge Community Development Department (CDD) delivered some disturbing news to Area 4 residents. The CDD announced that the outgoing City Council had passed a last-minute special zoning amendment to the Eastern Cambridge Zoning Plan that would give Draper Lab an additional 40,000—50,000 square feet of development next to its building on Broadway bordering Tech Square.

According to CDD representatives, this zoning amendment was offered by coun-



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**Taxicabs line Cambridge streets, but there are no wheelchair-accessible cabs in sight**

supported increased access. If you have disabilities and live in Area 4, please contact the editor of the *4word* about this issue and others of concern to you.

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# One to One Makes Its Voice Heard

by Julia Perez, founder of One to One

One to One is a group of African American and Latina women who came together in a set of workshops called "Why Should I Care" in the spring of 2001. In the workshops we looked at all the issues that affect our communities. The workshops allowed us to see how we, as members of our communities, have to do this kind of work from inside our communities with our neighbors and families. The trend that we normally see is everyone wanting to help the poor for a short period of time or until funds run out or their research is done. We want community organizers who are not going anywhere but upward in the community they live in.

money to do four workshops, two community meetings, and general organizing around housing and educational issues that affect the women who do not have access or don't know how to gain access to services and resources in the city.

Our goal is to do this kind of organizing all over the city, and one day we will storm City Hall and all the public institutions that do not seem to hear our voices. With this goal in mind, we are going to raise enough money to train women and girls one to one to pass the word that only we can change our communities with our voices and our votes. For more information contact One to One c/o Josephine Brown, Cambridge YWCA, 11 Temple Place, Cambridge, MA 02139.



Julia Perez

Members of One to One

**"One day we will storm City Hall and all the public institutions that do not seem to hear our voices."**

—Julia Perez

We decided to raise funds to continue passing the word to poor and low-to-moderate-income women and their families in the ignored low-income hidden sections of middle-class Cambridge. The Area 4 Neighborhood Coalition has given us



The Area Four Neighborhood Coalition holds its regularly scheduled meetings on the **second Thursday of every month** from 7-9 pm at the Area 4 Youth Center, 243 Harvard Street. The next meetings will be on **March 14 and April 11**. Free on-site childcare is available if requested in advance. Food and refreshments, often from local restaurants, are served beginning at 6:30 pm.

## Translating the 4word

**Para Residentes Que Falam Português**  
Se precisa de ajuda com traduções ou qualquer outro assunto, a MAPS oferece serviços de traduções assim como assistência social a pessoas de lingua portuguesa que residem na zona. Para mais informações, por favor contacte a MAPS através do número 617-864-7600. A MAPS está aberta de segunda a sexta feira das 9:00 da manhã as 5:00 da tarde.

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**LOCATIONS MENTIONED IN THIS ISSUE OF 4WORD**

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2. Tropical Convenience Store
3. Jean's Caribbean American Groceries
4. Yoshinoya Inc.
5. Newtowne Variety
6. Columbia Market
7. Lotte Market
8. JFK Apartments
9. Area 4 Youth Center
10. former St. Mary's School
11. B-Side Lounge
12. Camie's Bakery
13. Draper Lab
14. Former Manhattan Market