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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

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BZA Application Form

General Information

The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal for the following:

Special Permit: _____

BZA Number: 242825

Variance: X

Appeal:

PETITIONER: Stan Hilbert

PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 5 Craigie Circle, Cambridge, MA 02138

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 5 Craigie Cir, Cambridge, MA

TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: Residential

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence C-2 Zone

REASON FOR PETITION:

DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL:

Building a 18 seat patio on current front yard of restaurant

I would like to add a patio to the existing restaurant at 5, Craigie Circle.

SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE CITED:

- Article: 4.000Section: 4.35.F-1 (Restaurant Use).Article: 8.000Section: 8.22.3 (Non-Conforming Use).Article: 5.000Section: 5.31 (Table of Dimensional Requirements).
- Article: 10.000 Section: 10.30 (Variance).

Original Signature(s):

(Petitioner (s) / Owner)

(Print Name)

Address: Tel. No. E-Mail Address:

617-785-5763 foragecambridge@gmail.com

Date:

BZA APPLICATION FORM - OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

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To be completed by OWNER, signed before a notary and returned to The Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

5-3 Charge Cirle LP IL / RothRos Holding LC - Stuart Rothman 1/We Charge Cirle LP IL / RothRos Holding LC - Stuart Rothman
Address: 907 Massachusette Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139
State that I/We own the property located at <u>5-7 Craigle Circle</u> , which is the subject of this zoning application.
The record title of this property is in the name of <u>5-</u>
*Pursuant to a deed of duly recorded in the date $10/11 94$, Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds at Book 24916 , Page 61 ; or
Middlesex Registry District of Land Court, Certificate No Book Page
SIGNATURE BY LAND OWNER OR AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE, OFFICER OR AGENT* *Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.
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AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE, OFFICER OR AGENT* *Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of <u>MiddleSex</u> The above-name <u>Stuart Rothman</u> personally appeared before me, this <u>15</u> of <u>September</u> 2013, and made oath that the above statement is true.
AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE, OFFICER OR AGENT* *Written evidence of Agent's standing to represent petitioner may be requested.

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A VARIANCE

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIANCE MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND SET FORTH IN COMPLETE DETAIL BY THE APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL 40A, SECTION 10.

- A) A literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant for the following reasons:
 - Thanks to covid, most restaurant goers have expected to sit outdoors. To be able to compete with other restaurants, having a patio is a financial necessity. Without a patio, we don't stand a chance in today's market.
- The hardship is owing to the following circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or
 topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located for the following reasons:

We are essentially moving our current patio to another spot, while creating a nicer structure to make it more welcoming to our community and enhance the area's appeal.

C) DESIRABLE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT EITHER:

1) Desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good for the following reasons:

The structure proposed will add to the neighborhood without creating any undesirable outcomes or views. If anything I would argue it's good for the public to be able to eat ouside and meet their neighbors!

Enhanced Community Amenities: The restaurant patio will contribute positively to the local community. For instance, it could provide an outdoor gathering space for residents, potentially increasing social interaction and community engagement.

Economic Benefits: Benefits that the patio can bring to the area, such as job creation, increased property values, and additional revenue for local businesses and the municipality through increased foot traffic.

Aesthetic Improvement: The design of the patio complements the neighborhood's aesthetics, landscaping, and overall appeal, potentially enhancing the area's attractiveness.

Noise and Disruption Mitigation: We will only seat the patio from 5pm to 9:30 pm as to not bother our neighbors and create any noise issues. As we have for the past 3 years.

Desirable relief may be granted without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

The patio would be a small extension to the restaurant and would not need any extra space. We would be using landscaped space in front of the restaurant.

*If you have any questions as to whether you can establish all of the applicable legal requirements, you should consult with an attorney.

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DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION

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Applicant:	<u>Stan Hilbert</u>
Location:	5 Craigie Cir, Cambridge, MA
Phone:	617-785-5763

Present Use/Occupancy: <u>Residential</u> Zone: <u>Residence C-2 Zone</u> Requested Use/Occupancy: Residential

		Existing Conditions	<u>Requested</u> <u>Conditions</u>		<u>Ordinance</u> <u>Requirements</u>	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		330	330		330	(max.)
LOT AREA:		330	330		330	(min.)
RATIO OF GROSS FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: ²		330	330		330	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		330	330		330	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	27	27		27	
	DEPTH	14.6	14.6		14.6	
SETBACKS IN FEET:	FRONT	14.6	14.6		14.6	
	REAR	14.6	14.6		14.6	
	LEFT SIDE	27.9	27.9		27.9	
	RIGHT SIDE	17.7	17.6		17.6	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	0	0		0	
	WIDTH	. 0	0		0	
	LENGTH	0	0		0	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		0	0		0	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		0	0		0	
<u>NO. OF PARKING</u> SPACES:		0	0		0	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		0	0	an di ta ri	0	
DISTANCE TO NEAREST BLDG. ON SAME LOT		0.5	0.5		0.5	

Describe where applicable, other occupancies on the same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.:

Multi Unit Of Appartments

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- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
- 2. TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA (INCLUDING BASEMENT 7'-0" IN HEIGHT AND ATTIC AREAS GREATER THAN 5') DIVIDED BY LOT AREA.

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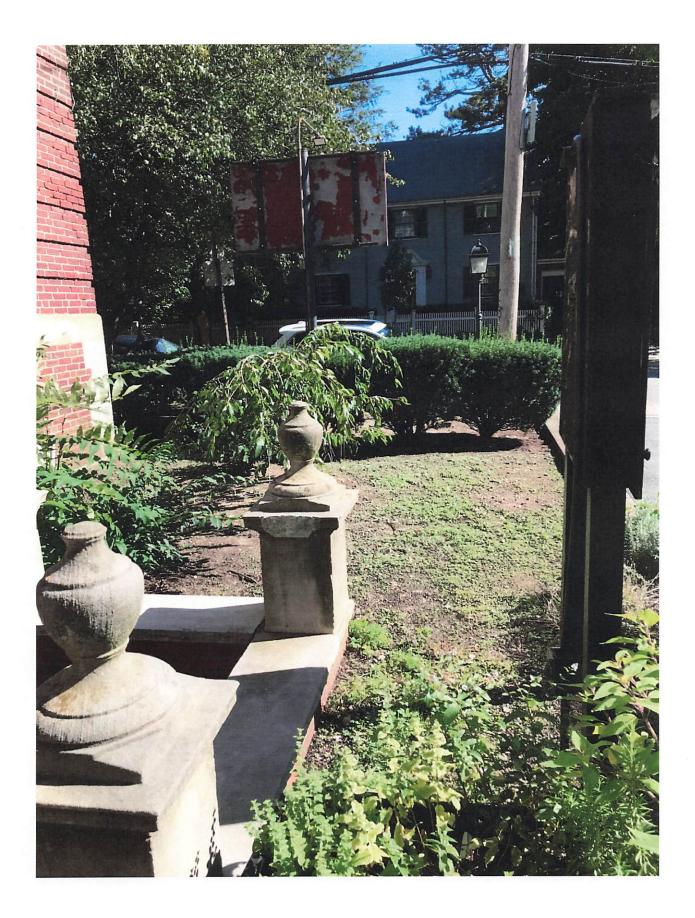
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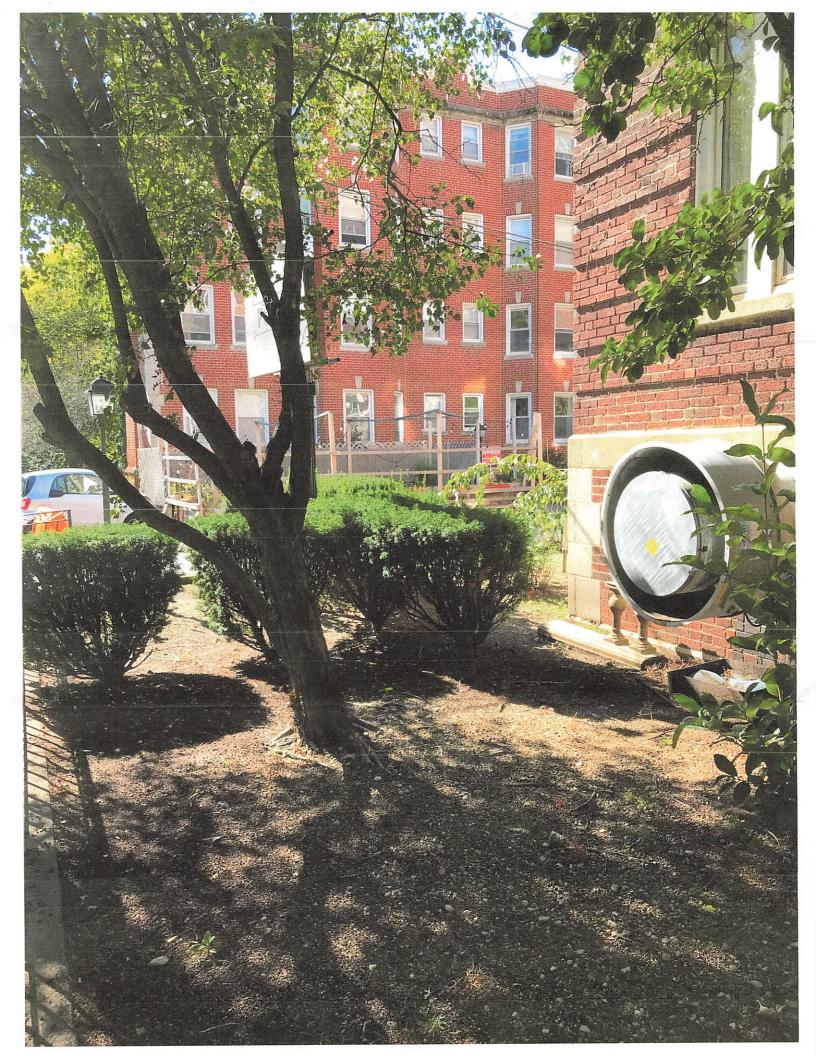
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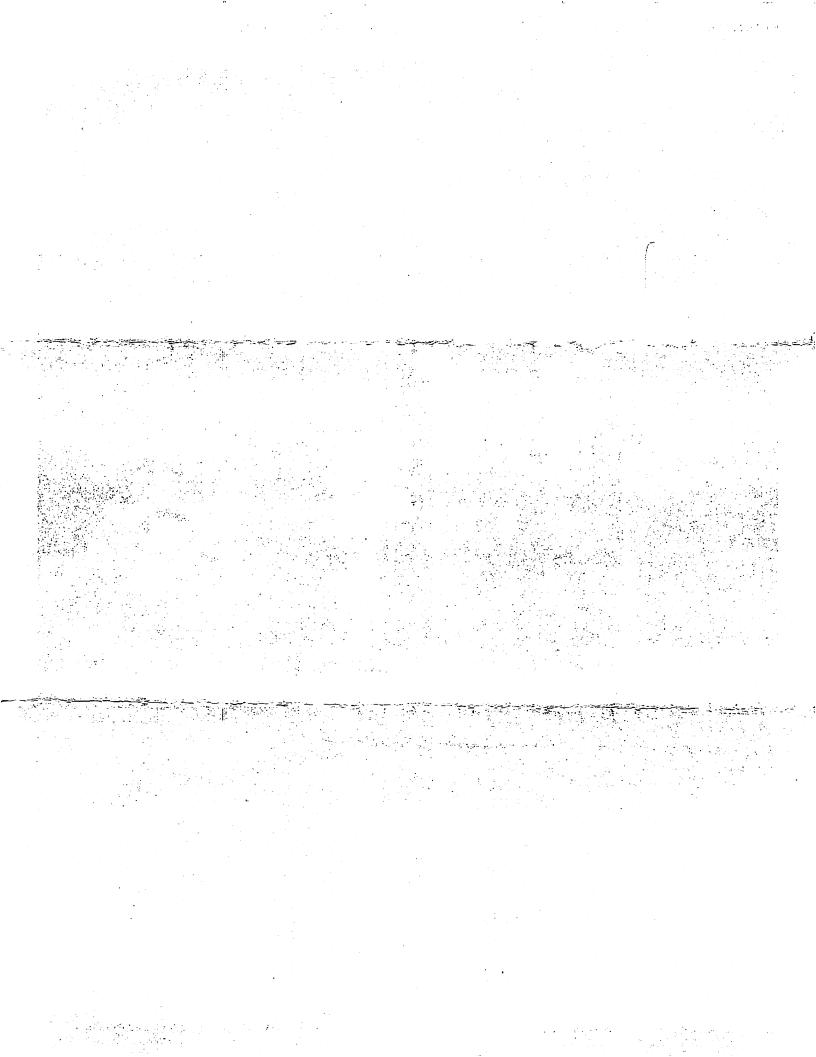
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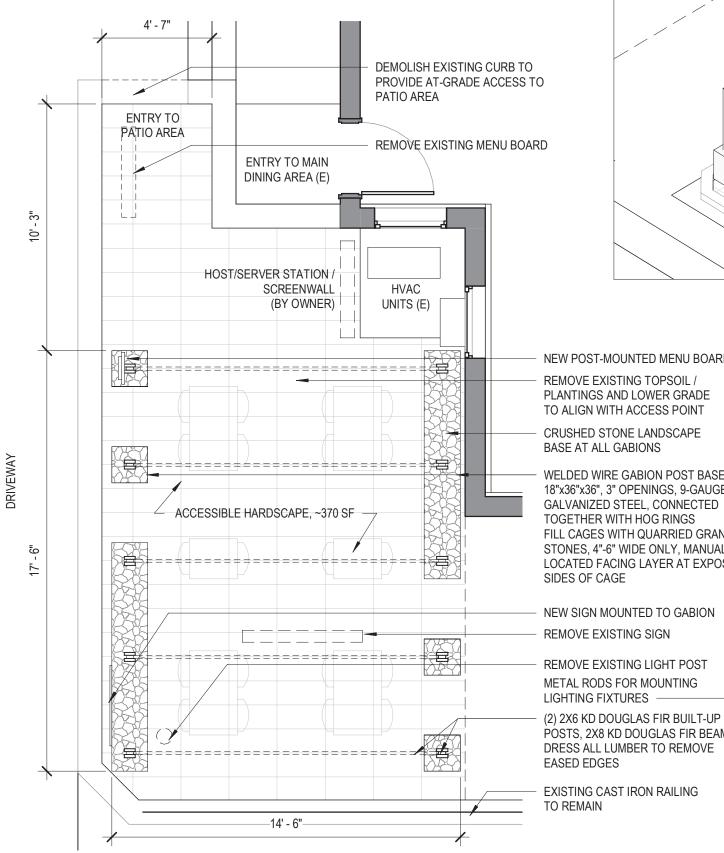


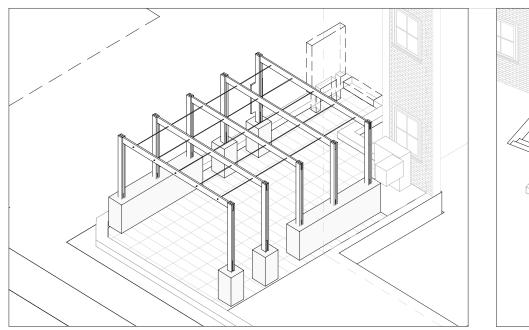












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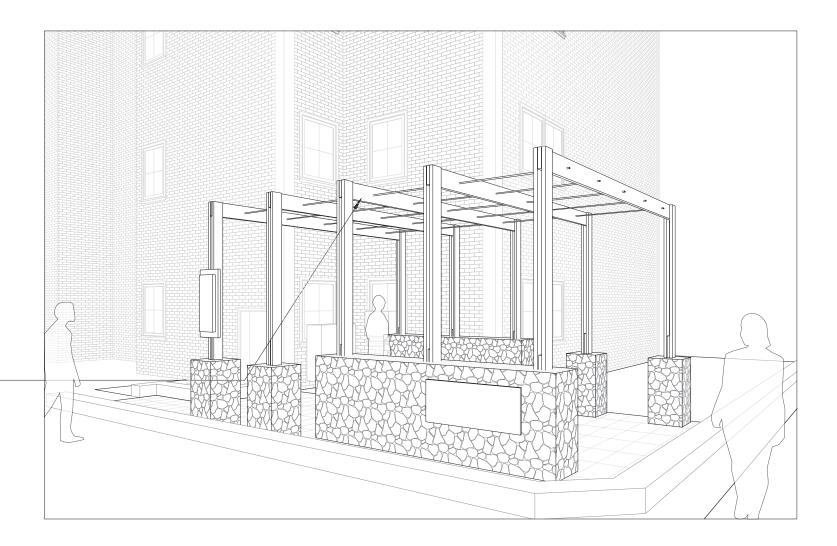
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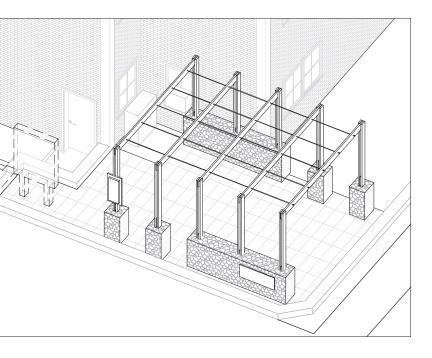
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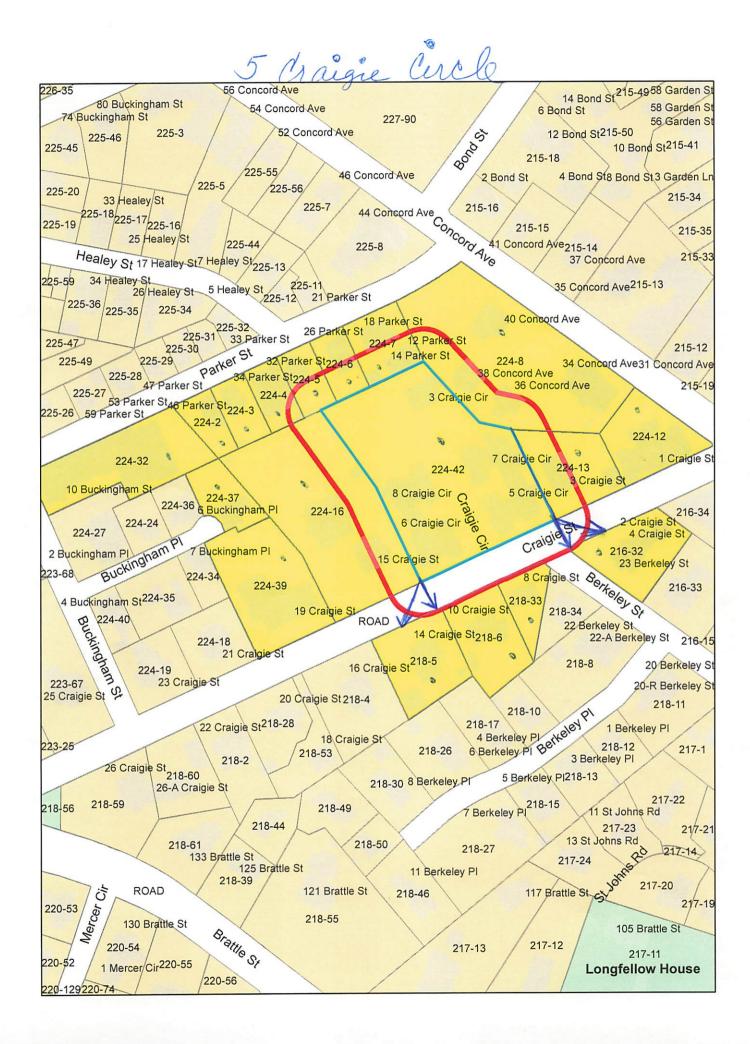








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224-3 VACCARO, JOHN G TRUSTEE OF PARKER REALTY TRUST. 975 MEMORIAL DR. UNIT#203 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

224-5 WARD, JANIE V. 30 PARKER ST. CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138-2224

224-42 ROTHROB HOLDINGS, LLC 907 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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224-4 LUDWIG, RUTH E. 36 PARKER ST. UNIT#7 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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224-4 MAHER, MARGARET M. 68 REDLANDS ROAD WEST ROXBURY, MA 02132

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224-6 SHEPHARD, NEIL G & HEATHER L. BELL 26 PARKER ST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138

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From:	Jimmy <jimmycui1998@gmail.com></jimmycui1998@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, October 18, 2023 6:40 PM
То:	Pacheco, Maria
Subject:	Opposing building a patio on the front yard of the building

Hi Maria,

Greetings! This is Jimmy Junming Cui and I am writing in regards to the petition BZA-242825. As a resident of 6 Craigie Cir, I would like to express my strong opposition to building a patio for 18 seats in the front yard. I live directly above the patio, and the noise is almost unbearable when the restaurant is open. From 6-9, it is so noisy that I cannot do anything in my apartment. What's worse, there will be drunk people talking or yelling loudly at night and it has disturbed my sleeping greatly. If possible, I would like to invite everyone to my home and experience what it's like to live with this unbearable noise. Per regulation and Cambridge Zoning bylaws, this should never has been set up in the first place. I'm really glad that you gave us a place to express our views, and I am happy to discuss more. Thanks!

Bes, Jimmy Cui

From: Sent: To: Subject: Kim Reisman McKee <kimberly.reisman@gmail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 11:51 AM Pacheco, Maria Support for Forage Restaurant Patio - Appeal # BZA242825-2023

Hello,

I'm writing to register my support for the construction of Forage's patio. I believe that this addition will be a benefit for the community and also contribute to the continued success of a small business by expanding seating capacity and creating resilience in the face of periodic outbreaks of Covid (and other contagious infections).

Thanks for reading, Kimberly McKee

From: Sent: To: Subject: admin@colinhaley.net Friday, October 20, 2023 10:43 AM Pacheco, Maria Appeal BZA242825-2023

Hello, I am writing in to voice my strong support for appeal # BZA242825-2023 at the October 26th hearing. I would very much like to see this passed! Thank you!

From: Sent: To: Subject: Alana Green <alanajgreen@googlemail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 10:38 AM Pacheco, Maria BZA242825-2023

Hi there,

I am writing to express my desire for appeal number **BZA242825-2023** to be granted.

Forage is my favourite restaurant - they are thoughtful local procurers and community members, and there are so few outdoor dining options in the area!

Best, Alana

From: Sent: To: Subject: Jessica Angotti <jangotti22@gmail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 10:25 AM Pacheco, Maria Appeal number BZA242825-2023

Hello,

I'm writing in support of outdoor dining at Forage in Cambridge, MA at 5 Craigie Circle (appeal number **BZA242825-2023**). Having the option to eat outdoors is such a gift, especially since my family is very cautious when it comes to indoor gatherings (twin babies at home that we need to keep healthy).

Thank you for your consideration!

Best, Jessica

From: Sent: To: Subject: Richard Berger <richard.s.berger@gmail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 10:30 AM Pacheco, Maria Appeal no. BZA242825-2023

This is to support Forage [Restaurant]'s request for permission to establish a permanent patio. This is an incredibly socially responsible operation that has provided local service through several difficult years. The permanent patio would be simple, quiet and tucked away from both sidewalk and street.

This is an excellent addition to Cambridge's resources and a needed service in this portion of Cambridge. Thank you for listening.

Richard Berger

From:Megan KL <lanham.megan@gmail.com>Sent:Friday, October 20, 2023 10:32 AMTo:Pacheco, MariaSubject:BZA242825-2023 - Outdoor Patio

I want to share my opinion on Forage securing an outdoor patio, as an avid customer I highly agree with this option and fully support this and hope you do as well.

We need more outdoor spaces. We need restaurants to thrive. Covid gave us time to apply solutions to a new situation, and some of those solutions such as outdoor dining should continue as it proved to be both great for consumers and businesses. It adds a safe place to eat.

Best, Megan <u>calendly.com/lanham-megan</u>

From:	Phyllis Kaufman <phyllislk@comcast.net></phyllislk@comcast.net>
Sent:	Friday, October 20, 2023 10:55 AM
То:	Pacheco, Maria
Subject:	Forage Restaurant Permanent Patio

To whom it may concern:

Forage Restaurant is a major dining asset for Cambridge. I urge you to allow the front area, appeal number **BZA242825-2023** to be made into a patio so that the parking spaces can be restored.

Thank you. Phyllis

Phyllis Kaufman phyllislk@comcast.net

From: Sent: To: Subject: Wieand, Tom <twieand@mitimco.mit.edu> Friday, October 20, 2023 10:57 AM Pacheco, Maria Patio

Hi Stan, I support the permanent patio

BZA242825-2023

From: Sent: To: Subject: Richard Eldridge <eldridge.rs@gmail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 11:03 AM Pacheco, Maria support for appeal BZA242825-2023

Hi there -

I just wanted to voice my support for

BZA242825-2023 and allowing a permanent outdoor dining area for Forage. Forage has been a fixture for my family for years, but since 2020 we primarily dine outdoors so our visits have been limited. We'd love the opportunity to visit Forage more often.

In general, more outdoor dining availability would be beneficial for public health, the business community, and the happiness of residents and visitors to Cambridge. I hope this appeal is approved.

Thank you, Rich

From:	James Heathers <jamesheathers@gmail.com></jamesheathers@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 20, 2023 11:02 AM
То:	Pacheco, Maria
Subject:	BZA242825 - 2023 Patio Application

Dear Ms. Pacheco,

I am writing to you to support the application designated BZA242825-2023, wherein the Forage patio is being relocated.

Forage is a cherished establishment within our community, well-known in particular amongst residents of West Cambridge for its exceptional approach to food - it is local, curated, and beautiful. I have taken friends and business associates to their Tuesday night dinners in particular, which are exceptional.

Currently at Forage an existing temporary patio sits in a car park adjacent to the restaurant, and my understanding is this application is to replace it by installing a new and improved permanent patio structure over the rather dilapidated garden at the front of the building. It is overwhelmingly likely that this adjustment will contribute positively to both the ambiance of the establishment and the comfort of patrons - like me! - and to the local community.

The proposed new patio will offer several advantages:

Noise Reduction: I anticipate that **the new patio structure will be substantially less disruptive compared to the existing**, which is *in* the carpark of Craigie Circle, and directly adjoining the windows of 6 and 8 Craigie Circle. The road itself is surrounded by buildings in a fishbowl shape, and having patrons outside of it around the front of the building will certainly dissipate noise more effectively. This is a key consideration for the restaurant, as at present they remind patrons frequently to be minimally disruptive, and close the area early.

Improved Aesthetics: **The new patio will significantly enhance the visual appeal of the establishment**. The plans are straightforwardly more attractive than the existing structure.

Customer Experience: The new patio will provide a more comfortable and pleasant dining experience. You might have to take my word for this one.

Commercial Support: Restaurant margins are legendarily thin. At a sustainable and innovative restaurant, they are often knife-edge. The best restaurant in the world, in Copenhagen, fell short of its own ability to sustain itself (link). This patio adds, by my reckoning, two-thirds the additional amount of covers to the restaurant (estimate; the actual number may be different). The commercial implications are obvious.

I kindly request that you consider this application favourably and grant the necessary permit for the relocation. Forage is deeply committed to maintaining a harmonious relationship with their neighbors and enhancing the overall quality of life in our community. I do not believe they would propose this if it were problematic.

I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter, and I am confident that this endeavor will contribute positively to the local area and further solidify Forage as a valuable establishment within the community of Cambridge, particularly in a section of it where dining options are thin.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information or have any questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Heathers

From: Sent: To: Subject: Kristina Dakos <kristinadakos@gmail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 11:26 AM Pacheco, Maria BZA242825-2023

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of Forage restaurant in Cambridge and their effort to provide permanent outdoor seating.

My husband and I live around the corner from Forage, on Brewster Street. Forage is the dining jewel of our neighborhood and our local go-to destination. We particularly love the outdoor patio the restaurant erected during Covid, which allows us to enjoy dining al fresco three seasons a year. We would be immensely saddened to see this wonderful opportunity disappear completely. We believe it adds enormous value to our neighborhood, not mention to our lives and our outdoor enjoyment of Cambridge. There are far too few outdoor dining opportunities in Cambridge.

Thank you for allowing this project to go forward.

Sincerely,

Kristina Dakos & Marco Salvalaggio 17 Brewster Street, Cambridge

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: florrie darwin <darwin@post.harvard.edu> Friday, October 20, 2023 11:18 AM Pacheco, Maria Stan Hilbert Strong support for a permit for Forage restaurant's proposed patio

To the members of the BZA: BZA - 242825 - 2023

I am a long-time Cambridge resident and a nearby neighbor of Forage. I am writing in strong support of their petition to obtain zoning relief in order to reconstruct a dining patio in the space outside the restaurant.

There have been a number of restaurants in the relatively small space now occupied by Forage, some of which lasted for several years. Of these--all of which my husband and I and friends have enjoyed--Forage has not only been the most inventive and appealing for its cuisine, but it has also been an outstanding member of the community.

Especially noteworthy is the way that Forage rapidly pivoted and adapted itself to continue operating and serving the public during the most difficult times of the pandemic. By creating a comfortable outdoor dining opportunity as well as full-meal take-out options, Forage continued to offer local citizens the possibility of enjoying wonderful dining during a time when so many of life's social pleasures had been eliminated by Covid restrictions. In doing so, of course, they also kept local people employed, local food and beverage vendors in business, and so on. It was the "little restaurant that could," notwithstanding the massive difficulty of keeping a restaurant open at this time.

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In addition, the owner and staff maintained their warm and generous manner with customers, in spite of the hardship of operating in unfamiliar ways and the health risks to themselves of working during the pandemic. I will never forget sitting out on their patio in a snowfall, cozy near the heat lamps, watching the intrepid waitstaff making their way through the snow from inside the restaurant--still cheery and helpful when they reached the tables. I was impressed at the time that the restaurant not only rigorously respected the city's requirements for fire safety and other regulations, but also that they were conscientious about ensuring that activity in the outdoor dining area did not interfere with the quiet of the neighborhood.

Allowing the extra seating that the patio would provide would give an economic boost to this small restaurant, which would help it stay in business and continue to be the wonderful benefit to the neighborhood and the city that it has been for several years. The patio would also provide a much-needed opportunity for pleasant outdoor dining, an amenity that is in short supply in Cambridge.

This restaurant has been a great contributor to our community, providing notable economic and culinary benefits to our city, even in the hardest of times. I urge you to grant the zoning relief they request and permit them to construct the patio.

Sincerely,

Florrie Darwin 7 Follen Street Cambridge

From:Maarten Peters <maarten.peters1996@gmail.com>Sent:Friday, October 20, 2023 11:18 AMTo:Pacheco, MariaSubject:Appeal number BZA242825-2023 Forage Patio

Dear Ms. Pacheco,

I am a Cambridge resident, living on Chauncy Street (Neighbourhood Nine). I am reaching out to express my support for a permanent patio at the restaurant Forage. I understand that there will be an appeals hearing on Thursday, Oct 26th at 8pm (appeal number BZA242825-2023). I hope you can take this letter in support of a permanent patio into account!

With best regards,

Met vriendelijke groet,

Maarten Peters

- m: +31 (0)6 57023789
- e: maarten.peters1996@gmail.com
- I: linkedin.com/in/maarten-peters-175a5a147/

From: Sent: To: Subject: Ingrid Bassett <ingrid_bassett@yahoo.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 11:10 AM Pacheco, Maria appeal BZA242825-2023

Hello,

I am a Cambridge resident and wanted to support the construction of a new patio at Forage. My family lives in walking distance to Forage we dine there frequently and all year long (the heaters are effective!). Its a quiet, family friendly location with fine dining that retains outdoor seating much longer than other venues. It tends to be a quiet, early crowd and so is hopefully not too disruptive to neighbors.

Its a neighborhood gem that we appreciate!

Thanks for your consideration.

Ingrid Bassett

From:	Eric Mankin <eric.mankin@gmail.com></eric.mankin@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 20, 2023 11:09 AM
То:	Pacheco, Maria
Subject:	In support of a patio for the Forage resto

BZA242825-2023 is the case number.

What a great idea to make this patio permanent. I hope it succeeds!

Eric Mankin property owner in Cambrdige. (and I used to live in the Forage building).

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Grace Fletcher <fletcherg37@gmail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 11:07 AM Pacheco, Maria Support Letter for BZA242825-2023

Good morning,

This email is in reference to case **BZA242825-2023**.

I would like to express my support for Forage restaurant to be able to construct a permanent patio at their establishment. This restaurant is a gem in the community that deserves to continue to grow and thrive, and outdoor seating has proved to be an invaluable resource for restaurants since the pandemic. Thank you for your consideration.

Best, Grace Fletcher

From:	Matilda LaBranche <tillielabranche@gmail.com></tillielabranche@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 20, 2023 11:44 AM
То:	Pacheco, Maria
Subject:	Appeal number BZA242825-2023 Forage Patio

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Best, Matilda LaBranche

Sent from Gmail Mobile

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From:	JOHN MARTIN <jackjdy2@comcast.net></jackjdy2@comcast.net>		
Sent:	Friday, October 20, 2023 12:33 PM		
То:	Pacheco, Maria		
Subject:	Fwd: Help us get our new patio approved by Cambridge!		

BZA242825-2023

Hello,

John Martin, 72 Antrim St. Cambridge, Ma.

I would be very pleased to see a new patio at Forage Restaurant. Outdoor dining has proven to be a winner for small restaurants, and Forage is one of the finest in Cambridge. I hope you can see the merits of this proposal and approve at your earliest opportunity. Thanks

------ Original Message ------From: Forage - Cambridge <no-reply+a908658b@toast-restaurants.com> To: jackjdy2@comcast.net Date: 10/20/2023 10:24 AM EDT Subject: Help us get our new patio approved by Cambridge!

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Here's your chance to do some good for our neighborhood and help your friends at Forage secure a permanent patio. I am gearing up for a zoning board of appeals hearing on Thursday, October 26th at 8pm and I'm putting the call out to friends, neighbors and Forage lovers for letters/emails of support. If you're on board (and why wouldn't you be? Outdoor dining options in our area are few and far between and it was hugely beneficial and really a life saver to have throughout and since the pandemic), you can drop an email to mpacheco@cambridgema.gov . Just be sure to reference the appeal number **BZA242825-2023** and cross your fingers for a future full of sunny services.

If you'd like to join the zoom hearing and voice your support then on **Thursday at 8pm**, here's the link

https://cambridgema.zoom.us/j/85702655517

Or join by phone: Dial +1 929 436 2866 or +1 301 715 8592 - Webinar ID: 85702655517

I would truly appreciate you taking a few minutes to type & send that email!

If you missed our previous email, here's what's happening/happened with our outdoor dining: We've gone from hauling our dining room tables to the back garden, to constructing a makeshift patio in the restaurant's parking spots. Now, outdoor dining at Forage is set to evolve once more. Our agreement with the landlord expires at the end of October, and we will dismantle our existing patio space... However, a new solution is in sight!

We have the opportunity to build a new, permanent patio, right at the front of the property where our menu sign is currently. We would free up those parking spots and build a better, nicer patio to provide outdoor seating and a lifeline to our little restaurant.

Any questions, please reply to this email.

Thanks again!

Stan

Forage - Cambridge

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From:	LAWRENCE BELL < lb369@comcast.net>		
Sent:	Friday, October 20, 2023 12:07 PM		
То:	Pacheco, Maria		
Subject:	Appeal number BZA242825-2023 - Forage Restaurant		

I am writing to encourage approval of Appeal number BZA242825-2023 with reference to an outdoor dining patio at Forage Restaurant in Cambridge. I lived and worked in Cambridge for many years, and while I now live outside of the city, outdoor dining at Forage is one of the things that draws me back into Cambridge to take advantage of one of its fine resaurants. I hope you will approve the proposed outdoor patio.

Lawrence Bell lb369@comcast.net

From:	Jason Stonehouse <jason@gourley-stonehouse.org></jason@gourley-stonehouse.org>	
Sent:	Friday, October 20, 2023 12:00 PM	
То:	Pacheco, Maria	
Subject:	Writing in support of BZA242825-2023	

Esteemed members of the BZA,

I am writing to express my strong support of Forage Restaurant's (5-8 CRAIGIE CIRCLE LP II / ROTHROB HOLDING LLC- STUART ROTHMAN, MANAGER - C/O STAN HILBERT) proposal to build an 18-seat patio for their business.

I have been a Cambridge resident for nearly 20 years and a regular patron of Forage since shortly after they opened. During the pandemic, the outdoor dining at Forage was a regular date night for my spouse and I, along with a frequent location to share a meal with friends while staying safer. It quickly evolved from a safer dining experience to a more desirable one as the outdoor experience created at Forage was truly special.

I hope that the BZA is supportive of enabling this local business to continue to thrive and serve our community with both indoor and a reliable, safe, and accessible outdoor space.

Regards, Jason Stonehouse Jackson St, Cambridge

From: Sent: To: Subject: Anastasia Leyden <stasiarose214@gmail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 2:18 PM Pacheco, Maria Support for appeal BZA242825-2023

Hello,

I am writing in support of appeal BZA242825-2023. Forage is an asset to its Cambridge neighborhood and I hope the board will approve its request to build a permanent patio.

Sincerely, Anastasia Leyden

From: Sent: To: Subject: Barbara Mathews <bmathews@metrocast.net> Friday, October 20, 2023 1:12 PM Pacheco, Maria Forage outdoor patio

Greetings,

We are writing in support of a permanent outdoor patio at Forage. It has been a wonderful option and adds so much to the neighborhood. Please make it permanent!

Many thanks, Barbara Mathews

From: Sent: To: Subject: Judith Sandler <josandler@gmail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 1:11 PM Pacheco, Maria BZA242825-2023

Just want to voice support for allowing continuous outside dining at Forage. Re: BZA242825-2023 Given the few options in the area for outside dining throughput the year, and the necessity for many people to ONLY dine outdoors, Forage offers an option that is appreciated by many neighbors.

Please consider supporting Forage's request to secure an outside patio.

Thank you, Judith Opert Sandler 992 Memorial Drive Cambridge, MA 02138

From: Sent: To: Subject: Servio Garcia <sgarcia@bergamotrestaurant.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 1:00 PM Pacheco, Maria support for appeal number BZA242825-2023

Hello,

We support and ask you to please approve the change of zoning for Forage to be able to have a patio. As you well know, these patios can be and are a lifesaver to many restaurants in the city and make the city of Cambridge more inviting and a great place to live and dine out.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best,

Servio Garcia

From:	Maura Henry <mhenry1414@hotmail.com> on behalf of Maura Henry <mhenry@post.harvard.edu></mhenry@post.harvard.edu></mhenry1414@hotmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, October 20, 2023 12:55 PM
То:	Pacheco, Maria
Subject:	In Support of Forage BZA242825-2023

Dear Lovely Folks on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Cambridge, I write to ask that you help everyone (Cantabridgian and other) enjoy Forage's excellent food, drink, and service on a permanent patio. Thank you and bon appetit, Maura A. Henry

From: Sent: To: Subject: Theresa Gonnelli <theresag132@gmail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 12:44 PM Pacheco, Maria Outdoor Patio (BZA242825-2023)

Hi Stan,

Yes I think a permanent outdoor patio would be great for the community and nice to look at in that back lot. I think it is a great idea to have outside dining. I think it would be a great addition to the neighborhood. I would love to see you get more business and I think this will get more people's attention.

Thank you,

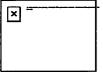
Theresa Gonnelli

From: Sent: To: Subject: Jason Bond <jason@bondircambridge.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 7:28 PM Pacheco, Maria appeal number BZA242825-2023

As a Cambridge resident, I would like to add my support of the folks at Forage building permanent patio seating. There are fewer and fewer independent restaurants in Cambridge. I hope we can continue to support independent and original thinkers, and operators who want to be a part of neighborhood improvement.

Kind regards,

Jason Bond Bondir Restaurant 617-697-6519 mobile



From: Sent: To: Subject: Kristina Lauer <kristina.j.lauer@gmail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 7:00 PM Pacheco, Maria Forage

Hello,

I'm writing in support of Forage's wish to have a permanent outdoor dining patio. It's hard to find good outdoor dining options, especially ones that are not right next to high-traffic areas, and I think this would be a great opportunity. They are very careful to advise patrons to keep noise levels down, so I don't think this would have a negative impact on the neighborhood. Thank you for considering this!

appeal number BZA242825-2023

Best,

Kristina Lauer

From: Sent: To: Subject: Rita Kraner <ritakraner@gmail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 5:22 PM Pacheco, Maria BZA242825-2023

Hello

I wanted to express my support of the outdoor patio for forage restaurant. I live in the neighborhood and it is so beneficial to be able to dine outside. Either for Covid or health reasons, and if you want to be outdoors — so few or nonexistent options. We would be so sad if the outdoor dining was gone. I hope you consider allowing their request.

Rita Kraner

From: Sent: To: Subject: Maria San Filippo <cinemariasf@gmail.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 4:07 PM Pacheco, Maria Forage plug

RE: BZA242825-2023

Hello,

I'm writing in support of Forage's request to add a permanent patio. This would be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood for a restaurant devoted to culinary sustainability.

Thank you, Maria San Filippo Cambridge, MA

From: Sent: To: Subject: Daniel Adams <DAdams@Polsinelli.com> Friday, October 20, 2023 4:04 PM Pacheco, Maria Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing on Thursday, October 26th (Appeal #BZA242825-2023)

Forage is such an amazing place! I wholeheartedly endorse its permanent patio application.

Daniel Adams

Vice-Chair, Sports & Entertainment Group

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From:Nick Patterson <nick9889@panix.com>Sent:Friday, October 20, 2023 3:00 PMTo:Pacheco, MariaSubject:Patio for Forage restaurant

Reference BZA242825-2023

To whom it may concern,

My husband and I live near the Forage restaurant on Craigie St. and have eaten there several times. The outdoor space they made on the parking lot during Covid has been very pleasant even after the Covid has abated. I am in strong favor of their being able to build a more permanent outdoor space. I gather they will not be able to use their current arrangement in future.

Also it would be an asset to continue this into possible cooler weather and guard against sudden rainstorms for a more predictable outdoor environment.

Many local restaurants are constrained by a smaller amount of eating space than they really need; this would help with that.

Yours sincerely, Anne Patterson

From: Sent: To: Subject: Rob Laurens <roblaurens@earthlink.net> Saturday, October 21, 2023 12:30 PM Pacheco, Maria Re: Appeal BZA242825-2023

Hello,

I'm a 17-year home-owning resident of Cambridge writing to express my support for permitting Forage restaurant to maintain an outdoor patio for patrons.

My family and I urge you to grant this unique establishment the means to offer their exceptional outdoor dining experience on a permanent basis, and thereby helping to maintain our city's reputation for creativity and community offered on a small business basis.

Thank you for your kind consideration, Rob

Rob Laurens 9 Washington Avenue, Apt 4 Cambridge, MA 02140

From: Sent: To: Subject: Barbara Nunn <barbnunn33@gmail.com> Saturday, October 21, 2023 11:06 AM Pacheco, Maria Patio Appeal

We are an elderly couple from NJ who support Forage Restaurant's appeal for an outdoor patio. Every time we come to the Boston / Cambridge area to visit our son we enjoy a meal at Forage Restaurant. We love Forage! But because our hearing isn't what it used to be, eating outside is so much better acoustic-wise. A large percentage of the population is older with hearing impairment, please consider us in your choice. 💜

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: To: Subject: Tyler Flack <tflack21@gmail.com> Saturday, October 21, 2023 10:26 AM Pacheco, Maria Support for BZA242825-2023

Good morning,

I am writing to express my support for Forage's request for a permanent patio dining option. They are an important local business. Generally, I support expanding patio dining for all local restaurants in Cambridge and have been glad to see that there's been a real effort from the city to support expanded patio dining across the city. I would love to see Forage benefit from this opportunity as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

All the best, Tyler Flack (Cambridge citizen)

From:	Angela Bull <abullradoff@gmail.com></abullradoff@gmail.com>
Sent:	Saturday, October 21, 2023 9:44 AM
То:	Pacheco, Maria
Subject:	BZA242825-2023 Advocacy for Outdoor Patio Improvements at Forage Restaurant

I endorse the addition of a permanent outdoor patio at Forage, a beloved neighborhood farm-to-table bistro in Cambridge. Forage has widespread acclaim in New England for its commitment to sourcing local, seasonal ingredients from regional farmers and fishermen and showcasing the Cambridge community.

Forage's extensive selection of organic wines, innovative cocktails, and carefully crafted menu items demonstrates a devotion to quality, sustainability, and the promotion of ethical practices. This dedication permeates every aspect of their operation, creating a dining experience that is both unique and deeply rooted in local culture.

This improvement is more than an investment in Forage—it's an investment in the vitality and vibrancy of Cambridge, supporting a business that plays an integral role in the community. The enhanced patio space would elevate the dining experience and contribute to a thriving, sustainable local economy.

I urge you to support Forage in their efforts to make improvements, ensuring that they can continue to be a vital part of our community for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration of BZA242825-2023.

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The best way to get past my call spam killer is to text me with the number you are calling from so I can add you to my contacts.

From:	Erica Reisman <erica.reisman@gmail.com></erica.reisman@gmail.com>	
Sent:	Saturday, October 21, 2023 7:53 AM	
То:	Pacheco, Maria	
Subject:	support for Forage's outdoor patio space (BZA242825-2023)	

Hello, I'd like to write in to support the outdoor patio space for Forage. This restaurant is amazing is invaluable to the neighborhood, and the outdoor dining space, on such a nice street, is such a gift in Cambridge. Please vote to support the patio!

This is in reference to: BZA242825-2023

Thank you!

Best, Erica Reisman Cambridge resident

From: Sent: To: Subject: Robert Unsworth <RUnsworth@indecon.com> Saturday, October 21, 2023 2:21 PM Pacheco, Maria BZA242825-2023

To whom it may concern:

As a business owner in North Cambridge (where Industrial Economics has been located since 1982), and a frequent diner at Forage, I want to express my hope that Cambridge approves their permanent patio space. Let's keep Cambridge vibrant!

Bob Unsworth Principal Industrial Economics, Inc. 2067 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge, MA 02140 617-697-4334.

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Sent: To: Subject: Evelyn Espitia <gfatcat@hotmail.com> Saturday, October 21, 2023 1:18 PM Pacheco, Maria Forage Patio - Appeal No. BZA242825-2023

Hi,

I am writing in support of the permanent patio that Forage is hoping to secure. I love Forage, and I am immunocompromised, so I still do not partake in indoor dining. It would be nice to keep Forage as an option for outdoor dining! Thank you!

Best,

Evelyn Espitia 617-823-9864

From: Sent: To: Subject: Dan Hirschkop <danschkop@gmail.com> Sunday, October 22, 2023 3:32 PM Pacheco, Maria Appeal # BZA242825-2023

Dear Ms. Pacheco,

I want to express my support for approving the installation of a permanent patio for Forage restaurant in Cambridge. It is outdoor dining spaces that truly enhance the experience of living in an urban neighbourhood, and encourage community interactions and activity. Having a social hub where people convene for myriad reasons, from business to social affairs to family time, united in their appreciation of food and wine and the sharing of a deeply cultural activity, out in the community square, is the glue that helps hold communities together.

Cambridge is a wonderful cosmopolitan place with many European features and a wide, diverse community of people who appreciate and are used to such civilities as dining al fresco. It is both appropriate and needed that we have more spaces in our urban environment for gathering together over a meal.

Stan Hilbert is a conscientious, thoughtful and caring proprietor, whose values stand for enhancing the communities in which he works and lives. I have no doubt that he will continue to maintain a space that is both attractive to the eye and beneficial to the neighbourhood. Allowing him to maintain a few extra seats in a patio space is critical to the livelihood of a tiny business like his. The restaurant trade is an extremely challenging one, more so than ever before these last years. I know many restaurateurs who are struggling due to increased costs and staffing shortages. In my view, it is the very least we can do to allow them some outside space to add a few more seats and expand their appeal to a few more customers. We need to support businesses like this to maintain a desirable urban environment in which to live.

Thank you for taking them time to consider my point of view.

Best Regards, Daniel Hirschkop

From: Sent: To: Subject: Adam Baratz <adam.baratz@gmail.com> Sunday, October 22, 2023 2:48 PM Pacheco, Maria Case No. BZA242825-2023

Hi,

I'm writing in support of Forage being able to build a permanent patio. My family lives in the neighborhood and has been going there for a number of years now. It's a gem of a restaurant that has hosted us for treasured celebrations and other nights out. Their outdoor space helped us keep going there during the pandemic and has continued to be an asset. We'd love for them to be able to maintain it.

Thanks, Adam Baratz Walker St.

From: Sent: To: Subject: Kevin Grinberg <kevin@grinberg.ws> Sunday, October 22, 2023 10:47 AM Pacheco, Maria BZA 242825

I write in strong support of Forage's outdoor patio application (case 242825).

The entire city benefits from a vibrant dining scene, and outdoor dining is one of the few positive enduring benefits of the pandemic.

The team at Forage is deeply invested in the community, and we should do everything possible to support their ability to offer outdoor dining - particularly and especially outside of the busiest corridors.

Best, Kevin Grinberg Lee St, Cambridge

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From:	Celenza, John <celenza@bu.edu></celenza@bu.edu>
Sent:	Sunday, October 22, 2023 3:47 PM
То:	Pacheco, Maria
Subject:	Cambridge Zoning Board appeal BZA242825-2023

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing in full support of Stan Hilbert's Cambridge Zoning Board appeal (**BZA242825-2023**) to allow Forage to create a permanent outdoor dining space. As a long-time customer of Forage, I can attest to their attention to customers' needs in a way that meshes well with its residential location. As exemplified by multiple pivots throughout the pandemic, Forage was able to keep their business open by providing takeout as well as weekly CSA subscriptions for fresh produce. In addition, as soon as allowed they created a temporary outdoor dining space in the parking area adjacent to the restaurant. While I am not a resident of Cambridge, I get takeout weekly from Forage and usually eat there in person once or twice a month. In my visits, the folks in the outdoor dining area (as well as inside), are wellmannered and not loud. In addition, judging by foot traffic to the restaurant, much of the clientele appear to be local. Taken together, while their cuisine is consistently unique and interesting, as a restaurant they fit in well with their neighborhood. A permanent patio will only enhance this! Thus, I see little downside to this appeal.

Best, John Celenza

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From: Sent: To: Subject: David Conway <dconway11@yahoo.com> Monday, October 23, 2023 11:41 AM Pacheco, Maria BZA242825-2023

I strongly support the patio for Forage Restaurant. I recall eating there outdoors with my wife and son at the end of December when multiple employees came out in the cold to serve us. My wife has Stage 4 lung cancer so unsafe to eat indoors due to viral exposure risk.

David Conway 6 Harvey Street Cambridge

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: To: Subject: Brad Miller <bpmhome44@gmail.com> Monday, October 23, 2023 10:00 AM Pacheco, Maria BZA242825-2023

To the members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed patio for Forage restaurant. Forage is a huge asset to the neighborhood and community and being able to dine outside there was most welcome during the pandemic and beyond. Having a permanent patio will free them to focus on what they do best.

Thank you for your consideration, Brad Miller 5 Healey Street, Cambridge

City of Cambridge

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