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THE CAMBRIDGE CROQUET CLUB

Harvard Square · Cambridge, Massachusetts

Petition to the City of Cambridge for a Permanent Home for the Cambridge Croquet Club

A dedicated croquet lawn by the Charles River, in Harvard Square

TO

The Honorable Members of the Cambridge City Council

FILED WITH

The Office of the City Clerk, City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Courtesy copy to the City Manager

FOUNDED	HOME GROUND	THE GROUND
2014	**John F. Kennedy Memorial Park**	**970 Memorial Drive, Cambridge**

WHO WE ARE

The Cambridge Croquet Club was founded in 2014, and it has played since its founding at John F. Kennedy Memorial Park, 970 Memorial Drive, on the Charles River at Harvard Square. The Club is a member of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, and its founder has been a member of the Harvard Square Business Association for fourteen years.

The Club keeps an open lawn. Newcomers are taught the game from their first mallet swing; young players are welcomed and coached; and through the season the Club hosts the quiet, elegant gatherings that have long belonged to Harvard Square, including its Derby Day gathering each spring. The Club builds institutions, and it has built this one in Cambridge, in the open, for more than a decade.

WHAT WE ASK

We respectfully petition the City Council to direct the appropriate city officers to work with the Club — and, where riverfront land in the Commonwealth's care is concerned, to lend the City's good offices with the Department of Conservation and Recreation — to identify and secure a **permanent home** for the Cambridge Croquet Club: a dedicated croquet lawn by the Charles River in the Harvard Square area.

We ask for a home on settled terms — a defined lawn, defined hours of play, and a defined agreement — so that the Club can plan its seasons, teach its young players, and receive its guests in Harvard Square for years to come, rather than holding its ground season by season.

WHY IT MATTERS

A club that has played in one place since 2014 is part of that place. A permanent lawn by the river would keep croquet — a game woven into American lawns since the nineteenth century, and played in this city in our own time by residents, students, and visitors alike — a living part of Harvard Square. It would give the Club's newcomers and youth a ground they can count on, and give the Square one more institution that endures.

We, the undersigned, respectfully ask the City of Cambridge to help the Cambridge Croquet Club find its permanent home by the river in Harvard Square.

THE PETITIONER

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. Dr. Ali ABY Muhammed, for the Cambridge Croquet Club · Date: _____

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SIGNATURES OF SUPPORTERS

Petition for a Permanent Home for the Cambridge Croquet Club — a dedicated croquet lawn by the Charles River in Harvard Square, as set out in the petition to the Cambridge City Council.

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Additional signature sheets may be attached. Please print legibly. Return signed sheets to the Cambridge Croquet Club at the mailing address above.

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