

SAMPLE LETTER TO ALDERMEN

Guidelines

1. Keep it short ( 1 page max.)
2. Originals only
3. To Land Use Committee Members first (\*see below)
4. Each adult member should send letters
5. Send them quickly (before February 8th)

Items To Include In Your Letters

I am a member of the Congregation

distance from the site to your house

existence of Synagogue in this location vital to  
exercise of religious beliefs

841 Commonwealth was found only after extensive,  
six-month search

we have made great economic sacrifices to provide  
on site parking and reduce lot coverage (planning  
to tear down existing house)

we have given up one thousand square feet of usable  
area that were present in existing house

Conclude Letter by

Urging the alderman to support <sup>allow us to</sup> petition of  
Congregation Shaarei Tefillah to construct a  
Synagogue at 841 Commonwealth Avenue

U R G E N T ! ! ! - ATTEND TO AT ONCE ! ! !

Land Use Comm:

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Leanti	Carmichael
Wil Barker	Jefferson
Creem	Shea
Daly	Gentile
	Irwin

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call the not on Land Use

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Dear Land Committee Use Member,

I am writing to urge you to support the petition of Congregation Shaarei Tefillah and to allow the congregation to construct a Synagogue at 841 Commonwealth Avenue.

As a member of the congregation, I have been involved in trying to find a suitable location that would serve as a permanent home for the Synagogue. It has been a very difficult task to find a site that would be within walking distance of all of our members, an essential condition of our religious beliefs. We decided on the present location only after extensive searching and discussion. Our members all live within a one mile radius of the proposed location. It would be virtually impossible to find another site that would meet the religious needs of the membership.

I ask for your support in this matter. Please support the petition and allow Congregation Shaarei Tefillah the construction of our Synagogue at 841 Commonwealth Avenue.

Dear Land Use Committee Member,

We are writing to ask your support on the issue of allowing Congregation Shaarei Tefillah to construct a synagogue at 841 Commonwealth Avenue. We have a young family of 3 children and we have chosen to affiliate with Congregation Shaarei Tefillah. Every Saturday morning it is our practice to attend synagogue together. Since our religious beliefs preclude driving on the Sabbath, it is essential that the synagogue be walking distance from our home. This situation is an unusual but necessary condition for our religious observance. The proposed site of 841 Commonwealth Avenue for the construction of the new synagogue meets the religious needs of every member of Shaarei Tefillah. It is within a mile's walk of each of our members.

We urge you to support the petition of Shaarei Tefillah so that we can continue to fulfill our religious needs in the City of Newton.