

October 9, 1978

Dr. Donald Reeb
McKownville Improvement Association
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Dear Dr. Reeb

The purpose for this letter is to clarify the situation in which you apparently feel we did the McKownville Improvement Association an injustice by taking on a project with Mr. Fiato, of the Mexican fast food restaurant on Western Avenue. Please be advised that it is our opinion we have not in any way usurped our obligation to you, nor have we changed our position regarding our correspondence to you of June 23, 1978. To clarify the situation, I am writing to explain what happened.

After you read our letter to the Planning Board, Mr. Fiato asked Mr. Selee to contact us to work on his project to make sure it met good traffic engineering standards of design. He felt that the project should be done properly and up to that point did not have the technical expertise to do so. We have not deviated from our conclusions and recommendations in our letter to you. As a matter of fact, by working for Mr. Fiato, we will ensure that the restaurant is designed properly and will not adversely impact the surrounding neighborhood or the surrounding roadway system.

The only problem I can see you may have with our association with Mr. Fiato is that you are not interested in making sure that the restaurant operates properly, but are not interested in any restaurant at all at that location. If that is the case, we made a mistake in getting involved with you in the first place. It is not our policy to become involved with groups which are simply against something and use professional engineers as tools to get their point across. We represented you professionally, we evaluated the site properly, and are now working with the developer to ensure that the plan is done properly, resulting in a good plan for the Town and a safe plan for the neighborhood.

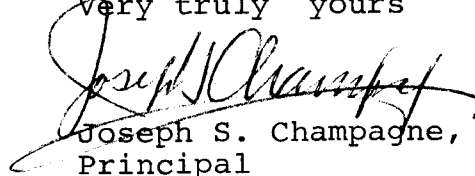
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The one mistake I feel we did make was in not contacting you to indicate that we were going to be working for your adversary. However, the reason I did not contact you was that I felt we had successfully completed our project for you and provided evaluation for the site which resulted in the Board not approving the original site plan as submitted by Mr. Fiato.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this, please advise.

Very truly yours


Joseph S. Champagne, P.E.
Principal

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cc Don Selee