

## Kimberly Wells

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**From:** Stephen Cafferky [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:43 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Contact; All City Council  
**Subject:** Proposed Assembly Square Somerville Fire Station

To whom it may concern,

My name is Stephen Cafferky and I am pretty much a lifelong resident of Somerville, moving here at the age of 10. My father grew up here and my grandfather & grandmother came to this country and settled in Somerville.

The city has changed a lot since 100 years ago when they came. There is one constant, and that is there is a lot of people in the city. As a Somerville firefighter it is my job to help the people of Somerville. All of us love our job & we take great pride in our work and helping these peoples lives.

The area of Assembly Row has really changed the city. We all know there's over 5000 new apartments/condos plus more to come. On any given day there could be 15,000 plus people there from shoppers to workers to residents. Accidents and other things happen and that is when we do our job. With this many people it is important that there is a fire station over there. Our current fire stations are not in the greatest conditions and definitely need love.

Building a new fire station at Assembly Row would be a great start towards upgrading the current stations. It would be a welcome addition to the citizens of Somerville I am sure. Assembly Row will need this for the amount of people congregated in one area. I would appreciate your support with this new fire station.

I appreciate any and all support.

Regards,

Stephen Cafferky  
[REDACTED]  
Somerville, MA 02144

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**From:** David Farino  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:00 AM  
**To:** All City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Assembly square fire station

Hello All,

I am a member of the Somerville Fire Department and Local 76. I am writing to you today to express my disappointment and concern that during this past finance meeting building a fire station down the Assembly Square area of our city was not passed. While I understand how difficult budgeting for such a populated city as the one we live/serve this fire station is essential to the safety of our citizens and our first responders.

As Somerville increases its population both commercial and residential, city services must also increase to properly accommodate the needs of the public and its employees. Additionally, with increased traffic, reduced lanes, and continuous construction closing streets our ability to respond to emergencies throughout the city has been pushed very close to a dangerous limit. Current companies are being tied up trying to cover geographically large areas put our resources in vulnerable stages as we have to shift them to ensure every square of Somerville has adequate coverage.

While it is understandable not wanting to spend money on “rented” space, this delay is putting everyone at risk. Somerville Fire will diligently serve its community no matter what but the people of Somerville and its employees deserve to be protected with the best possible services the city can provide.

Thank you

David Farino

Somerville Fire Dept

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**From:** Tim Bakey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:20 PM  
**To:** All City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Assembly Row Fire Station

Dear Councilors,

I am writing to request your support for building a new fire station at Assembly Row. As a Somerville Firefighter, I have personally experienced the increased call volume that has occurred due to the area's growth and popularity. Unfortunately, our ability to respond to the numerous calls that occur in the Assembly Row area from the existing Broadway fire station is often delayed; we constantly encounter heavy traffic on the two roads that lead us to Assembly Row - the Fellsway or lower Broadway.

There is an immediate need for a fire station in the Assembly Row area due to the increased call volume and the time required to reach this area from our existing fire stations. Therefore, I ask your support in approving money to lease property to build a fire station as it would allow for a quicker time to completion as compared to the City locating and purchasing land to build a fire station.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Bakey

Somerville Fire Local 76

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**From:** Tommy Coppola [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:58 PM  
**To:** William A. White  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Good evening

Good evening councilman,

I am taking this time to write to you because of the recent voting on the Assembly Row fire station. I know it may seem as though there are more important areas to allocate the city's money at this time but I must ask, what is more important than the safety of your city members? This is overdue to say the least and has been overlooked more than once. Many studies clearly state there is a need for a safety building due to the growing population and structure increase down at Assembly. I strongly believe that it is time to address this.

It's going to be a problem at some point, and with the growing amount of emergency calls that are coming from the area, what is the plan if not to put a fire/safety building down there? We need to be proactive about this and not reactive. This is an issue that is not going to disappear. Since it is extremely difficult to obtain land in the area, the sooner this happens the better.

I'll leave you with my final thought on the subject. What happens when something on a bigger scale happens down there? This is all on public record. Who is going to be at fault?

Please take your time to reconsider this vote is you have been opposed to it

Thank you and god bless,  
Tom Coppola

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**From:** dmwalsh30 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:02 PM  
**To:** All City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** New firehouse

Good afternoon,

My name is David Walsh. I work for Somerville Fire Alarm and am a member of Somerville Firefighters Local 76.

I am writing to ask you to strongly consider the need for a firehouse down at Assembly Square. We need to have a fully staffed engine and a squad to handle the ever changing up tick in calls at Assembly. The closest fire station is on Broadway and often has to fight a lot of traffic to even get to the emergency.

The large volume of people both visiting and living at Assembly requires a quick response. We have already had one major fire down there and multiple medicals over the years. Delays in responses are inevitable if we keep building and do not address this issue.

It is understood that the Finance Committee voted down the funding for a new station last night. I am urging the City Council to reconsider this and provide the firehouse needed to keep the citizens and visitors of Assembly safe.

Thanks very much

David Walsh

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:25 PM  
**To:** All City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Assembly Sq Fire Station

I am Local 76 Somerville Firefighter and I'm contacting the council to ask for support in approving the plans for a fire station in Assembly Sq. Our call totals have gone up substantially and with that area constantly growing the numbers will continue to grow as well. There is an absolute need for a station in that area especially with traffic getting worse our response times will suffer from this. The day time population of that area is equivalent to a small town or city . This is a life safety matter . Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** raf flores [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:40 PM  
**To:** All City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk Contact  
**Subject:** Fire Station

Greetings,

I am sending this message in support of building the new Fire Station in Assembly Row. The combination of deteriorating stations and anticipated influx of people moving into Assembly are just two reasons that a new station in that location would be beneficial. The numerous high rises in Assembly pose a unique problem that previously was not present in the city. It adds to the response time needed for fire personnel to respond to an exact location. The way the city is structured the closest station on Broadway needs to drive through either the underpass or cut all the way through Broadway and turn back in order to arrive in Assembly. The uncertainty of traffic conditions, especially during rush hour, makes it difficult for the large apparatus to make it to the buildings. After arriving there are plenty of emergencies on the higher floors, 10 and above, that would further delay action.

The most important actions we can take are preventative ones in order to reduce the amount of risk to our population. An easy and direct way to greatly reduce future disasters would be a centrally located Fire Station in what is the newest and busiest portion of Somerville.

A concerned citizen,  
Rafael Flores  
Sent from my iPhone