Ladies and Gentlemen of the Somerville Board of Alderman.

Allow me first to introduce myself. My name is Joe Sullivan; was born and raised in the City of Somerville. Until age 12, I lived at 18 Sycamore St with my parents and 3 sisters. We then moved to 82 Summer St. and my father found a home for his plumbing/heating contracting business @ 346 Somerville Ave where we presently are today.

Went to BC High and then Boston College graduating in 1963.

In 1968, I left my job at Touche, Ross, Baily and Smart, an international public accounting firm and went to work for my father at JJ Sullivan, 346 Somerville Ave.in Somerville.

Having been in business in the City for almost 50 years, I have witnessed many swings in the political moods within the City.

Presently, I believe the City is finally emerging as a major focal point in the greater Boston area. Somerville's proximity to Boston, a major city is undeniably advantageous.

The intended location of the new station will allow both Somerville and Cambridge residents to access downtown in a relatively quick manner.

Location to a major metropolitan area is key to the selection process of where one might want to live. Somerviile definitely will be and presently is a desired location for those just starting out or those in later years.

I firmly believe the Board of Alderman should approve the \$50million funding for the proposed Green Line Extension to Union Sq., Somerville. The Green Line Extension would finally put Somerville on the map!!!

Thanking you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Joe Sullivan 346 Somerville Ave Somerville, MA 02143 617-776-0110