



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

May 12, 2000

To the Honorable, the City Council:

The City has been talking with the National Guard for over a year about the possible acquisition of a portion of the Armory Site on Concord Avenue for use as a West Cambridge Youth Center. We recently received correspondence from The Adjutant General's Office of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Military Division stating that the Military Division will not enter any agreements with the City for the lease or conveyance of this property. A copy of the letter is attached.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Attachment

Cc: Representative Alice Wolf



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In reply refer to

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MILITARY DIVISION
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
50 MAPLE STREET, MILFORD, MA 01757-3604

May 4, 2000

The Adjutant General

Mr. Richard C. Rossi
Deputy City Manager
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Rossi:

In reply to your letter dated April 24, 2000 and also your letter to the State Quartermaster on August 12, 1999, the Military Division would like to inform you that at this time and in the future, we will not enter into any agreements leasing or conveying 30,000 square feet of the National Guard property at 406 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The National Guard serves a dual mission, federal first and state second, and is undergoing a massive redesign throughout the Active Duty Army, National Guard and Army Reserve. This means that the armories left in the state, each and everyone, will play an important part in the future assignment of troops and equipment. We can ill afford to detract from facilities and parking areas while serving in the best interest of our Guardsmen. To this end, we will not declare the land surrounding the Cambridge Armory surplus.

I appreciate your concerns for the youth program, as we all do, and wish you success in finding a new location for the youth center.

Sincerely,

George W. Keefe
Brigadier General, MAANG
The Adjutant General

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Response from the National Guard
regarding the Armory site on
Concord Avenue for use as a
West Cambridge Youth Center.

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