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September 29, 1988

To the Honorable The City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Councillors:

I write to you in the interest of St. Francis of Assisi Parish situated at Cambridge and Fourth Street, East Cambridge.

For many years the parish operated St. Francis of Assisi School on Gore Street. The original building was replaced in 1958 by a new school which the parish built. About 1969 because of a declining enrollment and a shortage of sisters to staff the school it was necessary to close it. It was then leased to the City of Cambridge until June of 1980 for school purposes. Since that time the building has not been used except for an occasional function.

Recently the parish decided to sell the building and an agreement for purchase and sale has been entered into between Hastings-Tapley Realty Trust, an affiliate of Hastings-Tapley Insurance Agency of Cambridge and the Archdiocese. The sale price is Nine Hundred Thousand (900,000.00) Dollars.

Hastings-Tapley has received all necessary approvals for the use of the premises as an office building. Meetings were held with the neighbors and the proposed use was approved by them as well as by the East Cambridge Planning Team and the East Cambridge Stabilization Committee.

When the City of Cambridge sold the property to the Archdiocese in 1924 a restriction was placed in the deed requiring the premises to be used for educational purposes. Since it is no longer of use as a school building I would respectfully request that this restriction be removed from the deed. I am enclosing a copy of the deed for your information. I am informed that this matter will be on your agenda for October 17, 1988.

If you have any questions regarding this matter Father Roland Petinge, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi at 876-6754 will be pleased to respond.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Most Reverend Robert J. Banks
Vicar for Administration

In City Council, Sept. 16, 1924

ORDERED: That his Honor the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sell the Gore School House and land at public auction (for educational purposes only) at a price not less than five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars and it is further

ORDERED: That his Honor the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a deed in the name and behalf of the City of Cambridge. Adopted by the affirmative vote of 12 members. Approved, September 19, 1924. A true copy attest: Frederick H. Burke, City Clerk.

WHEREAS; by an order of the City Council of the City of Cambridge dated September 16, 1924 and approved by the Mayor September 19, 1924, the Mayor is authorized to sell the Gore School House and land at public auction (for educational purposes only) at a price not less than \$5000.00 and whereas said public auction was duly held on Friday, October 10, 1924 on said premises, and Whereas said premises were sold at said term and place by Thomas A. Ahern, duly licensed auctioneer to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a corporation sole, who was the highest bidder therefor for the sum of \$5000. Know all men by these presents;

That the City of Cambridge, a municipal corporation, in consideration of \$5000.00 to it paid by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a corporation sole, grants to the said Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a corporation sole, a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Cambridge, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southerly line of Gore Street one hundred one (101) feet westerly from the westerly line of Third St; thence southerly along other land of the City of Cambridge by a line parallel to and one hundred one (101) feet distant from the westerly line of Third St. one hundred (100) feet to a corner; thence westerly parallel to and one hundred (100) feet distant southerly from the southerly line of Gore Street about ninety-nine (99) feet to land now or formerly of Dale;- Thence northerly by land now or formerly of Dale one hundred (100) feet to its intersection with the southerly line of Gore St; thence easterly along said southerly line of Gore St. about ninety-nine (99) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 9900 square feet more or less.

The above described parcel of land is shown on a plan entitled "Public Property of the City of Cambridge" on file in the office of the City Engineer, Cambridge, Mass and also shown on Plan of Gore School Lot, dated Oct. 31, 1924 and recorded herewith.

The use of said premises hereby conveyed is restricted to educational purposes only.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the City of Cambridge has caused the corporate seal to be impressed hereon and these presents to be executed by Edward W. Quinn, Mayor (corporate seal)

Commonwealth of Mass.

Middlesex, ss:
Nov. 12, 1924

Then personally appeared the above named Edward W. Quinn, Mayor and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the City of Cambridge before me. Peter J. Nelligan, Justice of the Peace.

The form of this deed is approved: Peter J. Nelligan, City Solicitor.

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Comm. from the Most Reverend Robert J. Banks,
Vicar For Administration of the Archdiocese of
Boston requesting that the restriction on the
1924 deed of the St. Francis of Assisi school
building requiring the premises to be used for
educational purposes be removed from the deed
as the building is no longer used for these
purposes.

In City Council,

October 3, 1988

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Referred to the
Planning Board.

copy sent to Mr. Barber, Planning Board
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