



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

October 14, 1977

Members of the City Council
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write on behalf of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to endorse and support the proposed zoning amendment and the plan amendment to the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan which are to be considered by you in hearings called for 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 1977.

M. I. T. is intimately concerned with the prospective development of Kendall Square. An important part of the M. I. T. campus is in Kendall Square directly across Main Street from the proposed redevelopment. The Institute has also expended large sums in private development in that area. And we have been involved for over a decade, and more, in relating to various plans that have been developed tentatively for the renewal area itself.

We were also directly involved, on still another side of this renewal area, with the development of the Technology Square project, which was initiated well over a decade ago. M. I. T.'s main objective in entering in agreement with the City upon the Technology Square development was to build additional taxable property for Cambridge and to create increased employment opportunities for the City. That goal was realized most effectively some years ago, and the plan has now been even further extended with the location there of the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, formerly an integral part of M. I. T.

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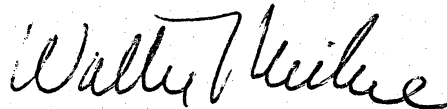
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M. I. T. 's participation in the Kendall Square renewal plan as a friend of the City began with action by this City Council to accept an M. I. T. submission of Section 112 credits. This action, and a later vote by the City Council, led eventually to approval by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of \$6,200,000 in M. I. T. credits for the City of Cambridge. These credits, together with subsequent action by the Congress, have covered the City's required share of the cost of this renewal.

M. I. T. has been further engaged, at various times and in various ways, with City reviews and studies of the development opportunities in the Kendall Square Renewal Area. In more recent years, we participated in the development of the Neighborhood Plan, which was endorsed by the City Council; we have been a member of the Neighborhood Advisory Group, which has met on many separate occasions to discuss the progress of the plan; and we participated in the reviews of the Environmental Impact Report, and in the deliberations of the Urban Land Institute Panel.

Now, as a member of the Neighborhood Advisory Group, and independently for our own part, we support fully the amendments now being proposed and considered; and we respectfully urge their unanimous adoption by the Council.

Sincerely yours,



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