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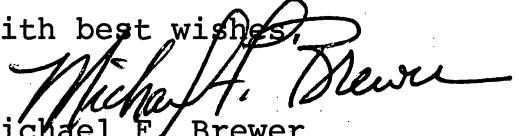
Mr. James Leo Sullivan
City Manager
City of Cambridge
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Pursuant to a request from City Councillor Alfred Vellucci that Harvard University consider making in-lieu-of-tax payments on any taxable property it removes from the Cambridge tax rolls during the period of the tax and expenditure "cap" imposed on Cambridge by the Commonwealth, I write you in your capacity as Chief Executive Officer of the City to inform you of Harvard's in-lieu-of-tax policy for the duration of the "cap".

I attach a statement outlining this policy and setting forth related information.

With best wishes,


Michael F. Brewer
Assistant Vice President for
Government and Community
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HARVARD UNIVERSITY IN-LIEU-OF-TAX POLICY IN CAMBRIDGE
DURING PERIOD OF STATE-IMPOSED TAX AND EXPENDITURE CAP

In Lieu of Tax Policy

1. To make an annual in-lieu-of-tax payment.
2. To include, as part of the annual in-lieu-of-tax payment, an amount necessary to ensure that Harvard will not directly cause a net reduction in tax revenue with respect to any residential property purchased and removed by it from the tax rolls between June, 1976, and at least December 31, 1979.¹
3. To include, as part of the annual in-lieu-of-tax payment, with respect to any property Harvard removes from the tax rolls during the period of Governor King's mandated tax and expenditure "cap", an amount equal to the actual tax payments being paid on such property the last year before removal, as we have been doing.

Related Information

1. For 1978, Harvard paid to Cambridge \$940,096 in regular property taxes and \$547,000 in voluntary in-lieu-of-tax payments.
2. For 1971, Harvard paid to Cambridge \$904,107 in regular property taxes and \$190,604 in voluntary in-lieu-of-tax payments.
3. In 1971, Harvard owned about 5.3% of the total land area in Cambridge.
4. Currently, Harvard owns about 5.5% of the total land area in Cambridge.

Michael F. Brewer
Assistant Vice President for
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^{1/} Harvard, in its Report of the Office of Government and Community Affairs, June, 1976, renewed its pledge, first made in 1972, not to purchase residential property in Cambridge outside of designated boundaries "until at least 1980." Harvard also pledged not to "cause a net reduction in tax revenues" through purchase of residential property within these boundaries during the period June, 1976, until at least 1980 (through December 31, 1979).

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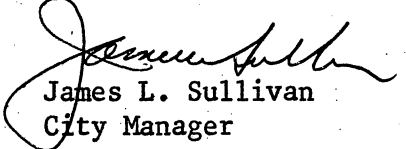
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

September 10, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed herewith please find a communication from Michael F. Brewer, Assistant Vice President for Government and Community Affairs for Harvard University, outlining Harvard's in-lieu-of-tax policy for the duration of the "cap" program imposed on the City by the Commonwealth, as requested by the City Council.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Vice President for Government and Community
Affairs for Harvard University, outlining
Harvard's in-lieu-of-tax policy for the
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In City Council,

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