



# City of Cambridge

O-10.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
VICE MAYOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

- WHEREAS: The residents of East Cambridge consistently identified the need for open space to serve the neighborhood; and
- WHEREAS: There is a local need for housing to serve the residents of Cambridge, including sales and rental housing for low and moderate income persons and families; and
- WHEREAS: It has been determined that the 14.3 acre Parcel 1 of the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area which was acquired by the Federal Government from the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority and which is the site of the John A. Volpe National Transportation System Center (NTSC), is significantly under-utilized; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, as supervising public agency for the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area, will be attempting to reacquire a portion of Parcel 1 to be used for the construction of open space and the construction of housing; and
- WHEREAS: If 5.8 acres of land were to be reconveyed to Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, based on present zoning as many as 144 to 288 dwelling units and a full size soccer field could be developed; and
- WHEREAS: It is proposed that a minimum of 30% of the housing units be developed for low and moderate income families and individuals of which 25% would be for low-income families; and
- WHEREAS: Residential development is compatible with Kendall Square development and will contribute to the achievement of a mixed-use district; and
- WHEREAS: The reconveyance of this under-utilized land would not negatively impact the federal jobs or the private sector jobs now at the Volpe Center; and

- WHEREAS: 8.5 acres of land would remain in the Federal ownership allowing development of additional building space and which would permit NTSC to expand its present facilities, and continue the operation of a national center for new transportation technology and research; and
- WHEREAS: In addition to the federal land, NSTAR Services Company (ComGas) is the owner of a 3.9 acre tract of land located on Parcel 1, which is under-utilized as well; and
- WHEREAS: If this parcel were to be acquired by the Authority by negotiated sale, based on present zoning, 285 to 570 additional housing units could be developed; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports the efforts of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to ensure this under-utilized Department of Transportation land be reconveyed for open space and housing purposes; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports the actions of the Redevelopment Authority to secure federal or state funds for the acquisition of the NSTAR (ComGas) land and for the requisite site preparation activities; and be it further
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- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward an executed copy of this resolution to Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Senator John F. Kerry and Congressman Michael E. Capuano and to all interested community-based organizations.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

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September 25, 2000

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**Order #10**

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**Councillor Toomey**

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**ORDER ADOPTED**