



The Cambridge Hospital



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October 31, 1995

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
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Dear Mr. Healy,

I am writing in regards to City Council Order #56, dated March 22, 1995 regarding the hospital expansion project. The Cambridge Hospital has been meeting extensively with its neighbors, project architects, construction managers, and medical staff regarding the expansion project for our facility. Because of the impending Federal budget cuts, much of our attention has been focused on refining construction cost estimates. We have also worked on reducing the overall size of the new ambulatory building in response to concerns raised by Somerville and Cambridge neighbors.

We have recently developed a revised concept which would reduce the floor area ration (FAR) by approximately 20% and construction cost by approximately 10%. In the upcoming month we will update the total project budget, proceed with the Design Development phase, and revise the project schedule. We also plan to share this redesign with City administration, City Councilors, Cambridge and Somerville neighbors, and Somerville administration. As discussed, I will be meeting with each member of the City Council to review the modified plan as soon as the details are available which should be no later than the next three (3) weeks.

I hope this will address any concerns members of the City Council may have. Please contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

John G. O'Brien
Chief Executive Officer



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November 6, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 9, regarding the hospital expansion project, please find attached a response from John G. O'Brien, CEO of the Cambridge Community Health Network.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Nine, regarding the hospital
expansion project.

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In City Council November 6, 1995

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