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Robert W. Healy
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Re: Billboard update
Council Order #19, dated 11/2/92

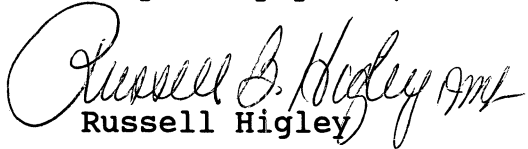
Dear Mr. Healy:

This is an update for the City Council on pending billboard permit renewals awaiting action by the Outdoor Advertising Board (OAB). In mid-October, the OAB indefinitely postponed the several permit renewal hearings it had scheduled for the end of October and early November on Ackerley billboards in Cambridge. The OAB stated that it preferred to attempt to negotiate a comprehensive consent decree with Ackerley concerning its billboards across the state, than to hold hundreds of adversarial hearings on the challenged billboards. The OAB apparently agreed with Ackerley's demand that during negotiations no adversarial hearings would be held to divert the parties' resources from working out a consent decree. It is unclear how, and to what degree, municipalities would have input

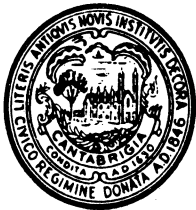
into the negotiation process.

The City's attorneys lodged a written protest with the OAB and pointed out that the decision to postpone hearings and negotiate a consent decree had apparently been made by staff in violation of the City's rights and without having been considered and voted by the OAB itself at a public meeting. In response, the OAB has scheduled the issue of the postponement of Ackerley hearings on its agenda at its meeting on November 19, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. at 10 Park Plaza, Boston.

Very truly yours,


Russell Higley

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November 23, 1992

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 22, regarding an update on all pending applications awaiting action by the Outdoor Advertising Board, received from City Solicitor Russell Higley.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda # 14

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Awaiting Report Item # 22 regarding an
update on all pending applications awaiting
action by the Outdoor Advertising Board.

In City Council,

November 23, 1992

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