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To the Honorable, the City Council:

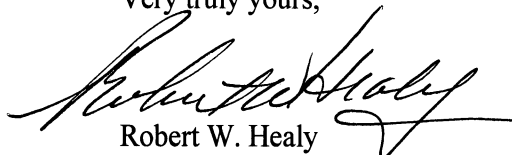
In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-89, regarding a report on the status of the location of the Center for Families in North Cambridge, Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold reports the following:

As a result of the public school mergers/consolidations, the kindergarten classroom that had been used by the Center for Families of North Cambridge for parent & child programming was needed by the Peabody School for a fourth kindergarten classroom.

Efforts were made to locate an alternative space within the school building that has resulted in a collaboration with the Even Start program and the Center for Families. A room in the Community Wing, the former Even Start office, has been transformed into a toddler equipped playroom that will be shared by both programs.

Additional space is still needed for playgroups and parent child activities in the neighborhood. Some spaces that may be used for the short term include: the Gately Center gym, the DHSP Peabody School Age classroom, and the Jefferson Park Head Start. We are continuing efforts to locate other possible shared spaces through collaborations with other providers. A permanent dedicated space for Center activities, either in the school building or in another location, is still being sought.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #7

Transmitting communication from
Robert W. Healy, City Manager,
relative to **Awaiting Report Item
Number 03-89**, regarding a report on
the status of the location of the Center
for Families in North Cambridge.

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