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To The Honorable, The City Council:

Last Monday's snow storm was the third worst storm in recent history. As you are aware, the Governor declared a State of Emergency reflecting the overall seriousness of this snow event. I want to thank the large number of Public Works employees and all other employees who worked around the clock to clear the major roadways. Although many of the side streets were not plowed in the first 36 hours, this storm presented some unique and difficult challenges. Over 31 inches of snow fell during a 26 hour period. The snow was particularly difficult to deal with because of its high water content, wind, tree limbs and utility wires down.

In addition, the heavy snowfall caused a great deal of damage to trees throughout the City. In some cases, pruning will restore the trees health; in other cases, tree replacement will be necessary. Clearly, healthy trees are important to the quality of life in Cambridge. Therefore I want to inform you that we are developing a Tree Replacement and Repair Initiative. This initiative will involve City forces, as well as contracting with private landscaping companies to insure that trees on City owned property are pruned and broken limbs removed in a reasonable period of time. Secondly, I will seek additional funding to replant trees which have been damaged by this storm and need to be removed. These funds will allow for replanting around the City and will preserve the City's current stock of trees. We are systematically recording both removed and damaged trees along with their locations.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Transmitting communication from
Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative
to last Monday's snow storm.

In City Council April 7, 1997

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