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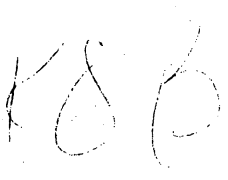
MEMORANDUM

TO: D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

FROM: Councillor Kathleen L. Born
Councillor Francis H. Duehay

DATE: February 2, 1995

Please include in the City Council agenda the attached letter that was published in the Boston Globe and Tab in response to Mr. Manley's letters to the same which was included in council communications at the January 28, 1995 meeting.


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In his letter to the editor of January 9th, Joseph Manley of Sommerville, stated that we had suggested a downzoning of Cambridge City Hospital property which would have precluded the planned expansion and renovation of the Cambridge City Hospital and the establishment of a Birth Center.

Mr. Manley's statement is false. He suggested that a viewing of the tape of the June 27th Cambridge City Council meeting would confirm his assertion. In fact, it shows quite the contrary: that we voted for 1. A bond appropriation for the Hospital project. 2. For the discontinuance of Camelia Avenue. 3. For the purchase by the City of a building at 10 Camelia Avenue for use as a Birth Center. These were steps integral in the process of authorizing the Hospital project. If either of us had wanted to block or modify this project, we would have done so with these important votes.

At that June meeting, several residents who live near the hospital expressed concern about future institutional expansion in the years following completion of the Hospital project and described their continuing efforts at working out an agreement with Hospital officials to limit future growth. Responding to those concerns, one of us, Councillor Born, suggested that institutional "creep" could occur in adjacent properties not owned by the hospital and hence not governed by any agreement with the Hospital. She suggested that a downzoning of land abutting the hospital and currently in residential use, would prevent its conversion to medical and medical support service use.

Councillor Duehay, addressing the issue of post-construction, future expansion within Hospital property, suggested that a downzoning after the completion of the project as planned would prevent another round of expansion in the future.

It appears now that local neighborhood groups are close to a final agreement with the Cambridge City Hospital about future expansion and we would like to thank all who have given their time and effort to these negotiations. We would also like to reiterate our support for an immediate limited downzoning of properties adjacent to the Hospital to protect the existing residential character of the area and for a future downzoning of hospital property once the planned expansion has been completed.

Kathleen Leahy Born, Cambridge City Councillor

Frank Duehay, Cambridge City Councillor

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**Communication and Reports from City
Officers #2**

A communication was received from D.
Margaret Drury transmitting a Comm.
from Councillors Born and Duehay responding
to Mr. Manley's letters to the Boston
Globe and the Cambridge Tab.

In City Council February 6, 1995

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