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To The Honorable, The City Council:

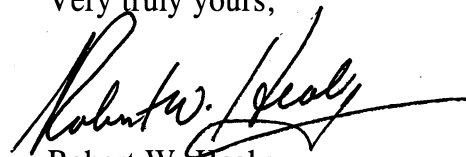
In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 23, regarding a report on the policy on festivals, please be advised of the following:

The License Commission has always tried to balance the need of the festivals with the public good and reduce harm for all residents. The Commission has always weighed the conditions and added terms to the licenses to help both the festivals committees and to assist all abutters in the neighborhood.

The License Commission continues to be a member of the Festival Committee, streamlining committee, and to date the Commission has not received any complaints with regard to the committee's decisions this year.

This year the Commission through the Festival Committee, has met with over 20 different festival organizers including the Greek Festival, World's Fair, Santa Lucia, Saint Cosmos & Damian, Harvard Square Business Festival, and the Caribbean Festival. The License Commission has worked with all festival groups to ensure a safe and productive event. The License Commission is very conscience of the fact that these events are major fundraisers for each group, and an invaluable part of the wealth of the City. The License Commission will continue to work with any neighborhood group, festival committee or individual to maintain a high level of service to all parties. To date all organizations are in agreement with any conditions set by the Festival Committee. No hours have been reduced nor is it a goal of the License Commission to initiate a policy to reduce hours of festivals. The License Commission will continue to be a resource to assist festivals/feasts in the City.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #18

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Relative to AR #23 regarding a
report on the policy on festivals.

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