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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

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November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-59, regarding the potential development of a public/private shuttle service connecting Cambridgeport and the new Harvard University housing development to Harvard Square, Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development reports the following:

The housing development at the corner of Pleasant Street and Putnam Avenue in Cambridgeport will, upon completion, house individuals affiliated with Harvard University. Harvard University is planning to operate a shuttle between this development and its main campus in Harvard Square.

City staff have met with representatives of Harvard University and request that the planned shuttle service be made available to the general public. As a result of the meeting, Harvard University has agreed to investigate the feasibility of making the shuttle available to Cambridge residents not affiliated with Harvard. Harvard described their primary concern as relating to the likely level of additional insurance that would be required to accommodate the general public. To assist Harvard in making its evaluation, City staff has agreed to help estimate potential ridership among non-affiliated residents. We expect to meet with Harvard in the near future to discuss the outcome of the insurance risk investigation.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #4

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02-59, regarding a report on potential development of a public/private shuttle connecting Cambridgeport and the new Harvard University housing development to Harvard Square.

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