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27 February, 1984

To: Middlesex County Advisory Board, Budget Committee, and
Chief elected officials
FROM: Diane Norris, MCAB Coordinator
RE: Change of Public Hearing date *DN*

As advertised by the County Commissioners the Public Hearing on the Budget Committee recommendations for the Middlesex County Budget for FY'85 has been postponed one week until March 12 instead of March 5. It will be in the Hearing Room on the third floor of the Superior Court, 40 Thorndike Street, Cambridge, at 10:00 a.m.

The budget request of the county commissioners of \$28,683,758 with projected receipts and available funds of \$12,530,000 would result in a FY'85 assessment of \$16,000,000. To this must be added the anticipated Medicaid liability of about \$1,000,000. The resulting assessment would be about \$17,000,000.

Last March the Advisory Board voted an assessment of \$17,000,000 on which the cherry sheets were based. The free cash available at the end of FY'83 to reduce the assessment exceeded the Board's estimate by \$1,000,000 producing an actual levy of \$16,000,000. The supplemental budget in October increased the levy to \$16,600,000. The commissioners will submit a second supplemental request which, if passed, will raise the levy to the original \$17,000,000.

The Budget Committee voted an FY'85 budget totaling \$27,400,000. This, combined with the revenues and liabilities described above, would produce a levy around \$15,900,000. The committee has recommended no appropriation for the "reserve for salary increases" line item where the commissioners requested \$660,000. The Budget Committee expects union negotiations and salary increases will occur next year but prefers to require the full Board to vote on approval of such an appropriation rather than give carte blanche for all contracts.

There is no change in the meeting date of the full Advisory Board scheduled to vote on the FY'85 budget on Wednesday, April 4, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. in the Concord District Court, 305 Walden Street, Concord, Ma.

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Comm. from Diane Norris, Coordinator, Middlesex-Advisory Board Re: postponement of hearing by the Middlesex County Commissioners on Budget Committee recommendations for the FY-85 County Budget. Said hearing to be held on March 12, 1984 at 10:00 a.m. at 40 Thorndike St., Cambridge.

*copy sent to the City Manager's
Office 3/14/84 mh*

In City Council,

March 12, 1984

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Referred to the
City Manager*