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TO: THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND MANPOWER AND HOUSING AND LAND USE

June 18, 1973

REPORT 1

On April 27, 1973, the City Council referred to the Joint Subcommittee a communication and proposed order from the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) proposing that the CRA seek out proposals for industrial development of the so-called surplus NASA land north of Broadway in Kendall Square rather than proposals for luxury housing as specified in the CRA's revised concept plan, in the meantime seeking proposals for commercial development on the so-called Golden Triangle in accordance with the revised concept plan. Hearings were held by the Joint Subcommittee on May 8 and May 24, at which various individuals and groups were heard. The attached report and recommendations reflect the Joint Subcommittee's conclusions reached as a result of the hearings. The Joint Subcommittee recommends to the City Council that it adopt the report and recommendations.

By vote of the Joint Committee,

Francis H. Duchay, Chairman

Walter J. Sullivan

Henry F. Owens, III

Economic Development and

Manpower Subcommittee

Saundra Graham, Chairperson

Henry F. Owens, III

Daniel J. Clinton

Housing and Land Use

Subcommittee



City of Cambridge

Councillor Duehay

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 2, 1973

ORDERED:

That this City Council go on record accepting Kendall Square Report #2, as submitted by the Joint Committees on Economic Development and Housing and Land Development.

In City Council July 2, 1973
Adopted by yeas and nay vote
Yeas 9 Nays 0 Absent 0
Paul E. Duehay
City Clerk

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In City Council

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	Mr. Clinton	✓			
	Mr. Danehy	✓			
	Mr. Duehay	✓			
	Mrs. Graham	✓			
	Mr. Moncreiff	✓			
	Mr. Owens	✓			
	Mr. Sullivan	✓			
	Mr. Vellucci	✓			
	Mayor Ackermann	✓			
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Vote of City Council on Report

Amend Order

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In City Council

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	Mr. Danehy		✓		
	Mr. Duehay		✓		
	Mrs. Graham	✓			
	Mr. Moncreiff		✓		
	Mr. Owens		✓		
	Mr. Sullivan		✓		
	Mr. Vellucci		✓		
	Mayor Ackermann		✓		
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HOUSING AMMENDMENT

AMMENDMENT TO REPORT #1

TO SUBSTITUTE FOR ITEM 3, PAGE 2^A OF REPORT 1

3. The City Council recognizes that the inability of moderate and low income Cambridge residents to find suitable housing in Cambridge is a result of both the shortage of adequate low and moderate rent housing and the inability of these residents to find employment which will provide their families with a wage commensurate with the cost of living in Cambridge. The Council finds that the factors that make the Kendall Square site marginal for housing are major assets for potential job producing development. These factors include: 1) the proximity of Broadway and its use as a major arterial for east-west automobile traffic; 2) the potential truck route along the Grand Junction Railroad and Binney Street; 3) the existence of a commercial and industrial barrier between this site and the nearby residential communities; and 4) the existence of the Grand Junction Railroad. The Council recognizes that additional low and moderate income housing is desperately needed and that the site does provide good access to public transportation. Upon consideration of the usages of the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area, the Joint Subcommittee recommends that the first priority for this site should be its development for non professional job producing operations and that after this priority has been met, the second priority is for low and moderate income housing.

TO BE ADDED AT THE END OF ITEM (i), SECTION (e), PAGE 4-A
OF REPORT 1

After this goal has been fully exploited, further consideration should concentrate upon the development of low, moderate, and middle income housing. Any plans which call for more than 150 units of housing must be reported back to the Council prior to further consideration.

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