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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

May 8, 2000

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-01, regarding the acquisition of a parcel of land located at the corner of Harvard and Norfolk Streets, please be advised of the following:

The City is in discussions with the broker who represents the owner of the property, the Archdiocese of Boston, regarding the purchase of this property for open space. This 2,500 square foot parcel is small and although close to Sennott Park, does not directly abut it; therefore, the use of this parcel if acquired would be for passive open space. While increased passive open space would provide an important benefit to the neighborhood, it is not the highest priority for open space acquisition for this area, as defined in the Green Ribbon Open Space Committee Report. Nonetheless, based on the relatively low potential cost of the parcel that may be acceptable to the owner (which is still being discussed), it may be advantageous to acquire this lot.

I will keep the City Council apprised of my negotiations with the owner.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Relative to AW Rpt. #00-01,
relative the acquisition of
a parcel of land located at
the corner of Harvard and
Norfolk Streets.

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