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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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November 25, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-93, regarding a report on Election Commission issues, the Board of Election Commissioners report the following:

The Board of Election Commissioners has requested and was granted by the City Manager supplemental funding to expand and enhance the polling place notification mailing to all voters prior to the November 5th State General Election.

The Board mailed postcard notification, including as before a precinct-customized map, to all voters. The card was printed on brightly colored stock with a message on the front indicating "where to vote on November 5" to attract voters attention.

In response to "whether before the primary notifications of polling places were sent to individual households in large buildings", please be advised that the Election Commission sent polling place notifications to all households in large buildings and in public housing. A map of the precinct with the polling place highlighted was included, in response to suggestions made by voters suggesting that this would be helpful to those whose polling locations had been changed. The Board posted signs in large public housing locations that are not polling places, informing residents where to vote.

In addition to the warden and clerk who traditionally perform the role of redirecting voters, the Board has directed that "an additional Street Index and Polling Location list be supplied to each precinct for use at check-in tables by specially designated inspectors to direct voters to the correct polling places. "An additional worker was added to the majority of precincts for September, and for the November election this additional worker directed voters to their polling places.

The Election Commission worked closely with the Department of Public Works to ensure safety at each polling place paying particularly close attention to loose wires.

Very Truly Yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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**Awaiting Report Item Number
02-93**, regarding a report on
notice of polling locations sent
to residents by the Election
Commission and safety issues at
polling locations.

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