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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

November 6, 2000

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Nos. 00-74 and 00-96, regarding the acquisition of open space in East Cambridge, please be advised of the following:

The City has had limited appraisals done on 135 Fulkerson Street and 303 Binney Street. Staff are involved in preliminary discussions with one of the property owners and has explored the potential for a split acquisition of the second parcel. In all likelihood, these acquisitions would have to be in the form of eminent domain takings. Hopefully, we will negotiate acceptable (to both parties) purchase price resulting in a "friendly taking" similar to the processes used for 238 Broadway.

Since the possibility does exist that this may not be achievable, I am not at liberty to discuss prices at this time; in the event that the "friendly taking" process is not achieved, the potential for litigation exists.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda Item #20

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Communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 00-74 and 00-96 regarding the acquisition of open space in East Cambridge.

In City Council November 6, 2000

*Referred to the
Finance Meeting scheduled
for Nov. 8, 2000*