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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From: Michael H. Rosenberg, Assistant City Manager
for Community Development
Subject: Growth Policy Workshops
Date: February 6, 1992

At the request of the City Council, the City, through the Planning Board and the Community Development Department, has been engaged for some time in developing a growth policy document. This document is intended to serve as a guide to decision making on future growth issues. To date, we have documented development trends in the city over the past twenty years and outlined current planning assumptions which the Planning Board considers in its decision making process. These materials have been reviewed and discussed at public hearings held by the City Council Subcommittees on Economic Development and the Environment.

The Board is now contemplating numerous growth issues and policy recommendations in the areas of housing, economic development, land use, institutions, transportation and urban design. The resolution of some of these issues will require choices in those areas where proposed policies may be in direct conflict.

To assist the Planning Board in proposing policies which resolve these conflicts, the Board and the Community Development Department will be conducting a series of workshops on growth policy. Through the workshops a focus group of 40 individuals, representing a cross section of the Cambridge community including neighborhoods, businesses and institutions, will participate in discussions on major policy areas and concerns.

The workshops will be held at the Community Development Department on the evenings on March 10, March 24 and April 7, 1992. Notices have been sent to over 40 community groups and organizations and press releases sent to the Cambridge TAB and the Cambridge Chronicle (see attached). Participants will be limited to 40 and are expected to commit to participating in all three workshops.

The Planning Board will use the comments and feedback obtained from these sessions to complete a draft growth policy document. The Board will hold a public hearing on the draft in May, to obtain additional public response to the document, before forwarding it to the City Council by the end of June, 1992.



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PRESS RELEASE

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
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GROWTH POLICY PLANNING PROCESS

The City of Cambridge, through the Planning Board and the Community Development Department is soliciting applicants for a focus group which will meet for a series of three workshops. The proposed Growth Policies which the focus group will consider are expected to serve as a guide to decision making for growth in Cambridge in the future. Areas of concern to be addressed will include: Land Use, Housing, Institutions, Open Space, Economic Development, Transportation, and Urban Design. The focus group will be limited to 40 participants from a cross section of the Cambridge Community including neighborhoods, businesses and institutions.

The workshops will be held on March 10, March 24, and April 7, 1992 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00. Participants will be chosen from the applicant pool and material for each workshop will be provided in advance. It is expected that applicants if chosen would participate in the entire series of workshops.

If you are interested in committing to this endeavor please submit a letter of application and resume to:

Mary T. Flynn
Deputy Director
Cambridge, Community Development Department
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, Ma. 02139

Please indicate if you are affiliated with any community groups or organizations which you wish to represent.

Applications cannot be considered if received after February 14, 1992 as workshop seating is limited.

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PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. For additional information please contact Robert Carey and 349-4600.



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February 24, 1992

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached an update on the Growth Policy Workshops received from Michael H. Rosenberg, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, for your information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda # 10

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Update on the Growth Policy Workshops.

In City Council,

February 24, 1992

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