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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From: Susan B. Schlesinger, Assistant City Manager for Community Development
Date: February 26, 1997
Re: Council Order #013, October 7, 1996 Re: Implementation and Status of the Town Gown report's recommendations

On December 9, 1991 the Mayor's Committee on University-Community Relationships submitted its report, known as the Town Gown Report, which had been endorsed by the members of the Committee representing residents, educational institutions and the City. Since then, the Community Development Department has implemented a number of the report recommendations, including: devoting specific attention in the Growth Policy process to universities and their effects on neighborhood growth and change; continuing neighborhood planning efforts, with the participation of universities adjoining the neighborhoods under study, as was the case with full committee participation by Harvard in both the Riverside and Mid-Cambridge neighborhood studies; and, continued participation in the Joint Committee for Neighborhood-Harvard Consultation, which includes representatives of Mid-Cambridge, Neighborhood Nine, Neighborhood Ten, Riverside and Agassiz and the Harvard Square Defense Fund. The report also called for the educational institutions located in Cambridge to "offer statements of their future needs to the city and their plans for responding to those needs." The report goes on to call for the collection of data from the institutions that describes both current conditions and future plans and recommends that the Community Development Department serve as the repository for the data.

The Community Development Department has developed a data form for the collection of pertinent information from the educational institutions. The form has been sent to the four institutions represented on the Committee, Cambridge College, Harvard University, Leslie College and MIT. We expect to receive replies from each of these institutions in the near future. Once the information is in hand, a presentation will be made to the Planning Board, as recommended in the report. A tentative date for this presentation has been scheduled for April 1, 1997. A letter has been sent to each member of the original Committee notifying them of these plans for updating the information found in the Town Gown Report.



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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 3, relative to the implementation and status of the Town Gown Report, please find attached a report submitted by Susan Schlesinger, Assistant City Manager for Community Development.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #10

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Three, relative to the
implementation and status of the
Town Gown report's recommendation.

In City Council March 3, 1997

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