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City of Cambridge

Paul J. Schlaver
Executive Director

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To: Robert W. Healy

From: Paul Schlaver

Date: September 27, 12000

RE: Council Order #22, dated 9/11/00 RE: Report on ensuring minimum
disruption of services during the
temporary relocation if the Mt.
Auburn Street Post Office

Upon the receipt of this Council Order I went to speak to Cambridge Postmaster Marsha Cannon to seek information for the City Council regarding this matter. Attached please find a copy of the letter she has submitted to inform you and the City Council as to what she anticipates will occur during the months ahead.

Postmaster Cannon is anticipating that the developer will fully meet their needs for an adequate temporary re-location and does not, at this time, anticipate needing to make any request of the city for assistance as to relocation space on city property, including any street/parking area.

As her letter also states, the advertising for alternate quarters is a legal formality and any reader of such advertisement should not infer that the return, by the Post Office, to the same site is at risk.



September 27, 2000

Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City of Cambridge
795 Mass Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Manager Healy:

The Post Office building at 125 Mt. Auburn St, in Harvard Square is expected to be torn down and replaced sometime in early 2001.

The U. S. Postal Service has been working with the developer, The Bullfinch Companies, to ensure that we obtain a replacement facility as close to the current site as possible, with no interruption of mail service at any time.

From the outset the developer has offered us the option to return to the present site, and to that end, we have hired an architect, and are presently at the 30% design stage. We are planning a postal store with the same amenities as the present one, with approximately the same amount of space. We are required by law to publicly advertise for alternate quarters, and, if anything is adequate and available, it is possible that we could move to another site in the immediate vicinity.

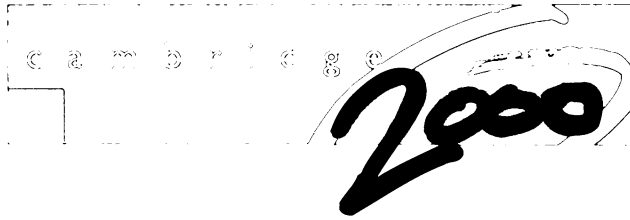
If we are to return to the present site, we will need to vacate the premises for approximately 4 to 6 months. The developer has assured us that he will provide an adequate temporary site, taking into consideration space requirements, environmental conditions, and handicap accessibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marsha A. Cannon" followed by a circled "MS".

Marsha A. Cannon
Postmaster, Cambridge

Cc: Paul Schlaver, Executive Director Consumers' Council



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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

October 16, 2000

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-73, regarding a report on ensuring minimum disruption of services during the temporary relocation of the Harvard Square branch Post Office, received from Consumers' Council Executive Director Paul Schlaver.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment



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Consent Agenda # 7

Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 00-73, regarding a report on ensuring minimum disruption of services during the temporary relocation of the Harvard Square Branch Post Office

In the City Council October 16, 2000

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