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February 4, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 6, regarding the feasibility of setting up recycling areas in elderly housing, please be advised of the following:

My office has met with the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) and discussed the development of a recycling program in all public housing, including elderly housing. The CHA is quite willing to develop a recycling program and will work with the City to develop plans for centralized collection of recyclable materials. This is not an easy task, particularly on the high-rise elderly housing which has its trash compacted on-site; there is very little space to store materials, and certainly not enough space to store materials for an entire month.

Additionally, as you are aware, the monthly recycling drop-off is heavily utilized and operating beyond capacity. It is difficult to process all the materials that are collected, only operating six (6) hours per month. The solution to this problem clearly is in our move to curbside recycling.

We will continue to work with the CHA to insure that seniors living in elderly housing become a part of the recycling effort.

Very truly yours,

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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areas in elderly housing.

In City Council,

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