

January 27, 1999

Mr. Richard C. Rossi
Deputy City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
695 Massachusetts Avenue
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Dear Mr. Rossi:

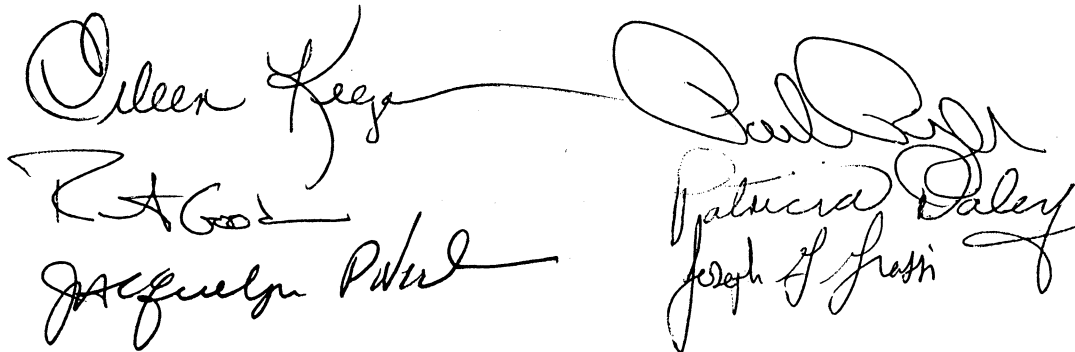
Please accept our letter of unanimous support for the renovations plans for the Gately Youth Center currently being formalized by Design Partnership of Cambridge. We have had the opportunity, through numerous meetings with yourself and Design Partnership of Cambridge, to present our combined program and space needs.

As you are well aware, the Gately Youth Center is the site of numerous programs. We are confident, based on our input, that the new renovation plan will reflect our different program requirements. In addition, a completely renovated Gately Youth Center will allow all of the programs to meet the diverse needs of the North Cambridge community.

In closing, if further documentation or testimony is required, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can present our unified advocacy of this critical capital project.

Very truly yours,

The Gately Youth Center User's Group

The block contains five handwritten signatures. On the left side, from top to bottom, they are: a signature that appears to be 'Oileen Keeg', a signature that appears to be 'R. A. Gold', and a signature that appears to be 'Jacqueline P. White'. On the right side, there are two overlapping signatures: one that appears to be 'Patricia Daley' and another that appears to be 'Joseph J. Rossi'.



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February 1, 1999

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 10, regarding a report on the plans for Gately Shelter and the Fitzgerald School, Deputy City Manager Richard Rossi reports the following:

There have been on-going discussions with all staff representatives of the Human Service Department who operate the Gately Shelter as well as those School Department staff members responsible for planning the Fitzgerald School renovations since the Spring of 1998 when project planning was restarted.

The attached letter indicates that the staff of the Gately Shelter is in full support of the plans which will be bid in the Spring of 1999. Construction is scheduled to start immediately after school closes in June of 1999.

The Gately Shelter will have all new systems, windows, furnishing and equipment and, with the repositioning of certain programs from the Gately to the Fitzgerald School, will have the ability to reprogram more space. The interior redesign will accomplish staff goals for more effective programming.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

Consent Agenda #21,

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Relative to AR #10, regarding a
report on the plans for Gately Shelter and
the Fitzgerald School.

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