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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 19 regarding the City's participation in a mandatory curbside recycling program, the state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering is currently conducting a Chapter 21E site assessment of the proposed location for the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) on Smith Place. This assessment is the first step towards the state's taking of the site by eminent domain. It is estimated that the eminent domain process and construction of the facility will take three years. In the meantime, the state is attempting to locate other sites in neighboring communities.

In addition, we have been meeting with DEQE staff and representatives of the surrounding communities which will participate in the MRF to engage in pre-planning efforts and to discuss possible interim recycling arrangements. A committee of citizen representatives from these communities has also been established with Tom Clinton and Powell Woodward (alternate) representing the City of Cambridge.

As a result of the delay in opening the MRF, we will initiate an interim recycling program in June. This program will involve the voluntary drop-off of glass and newspapers by Cambridge residents on the second Saturday of each month. BFI has agreed to set up containers at their site in East Cambridge and a second drop-off will be established at the salt storage area on Sherman Street. My office has been meeting with interested residents since January and an enthusiastic pool of volunteers are prepared to assist with the planning and implementation of the interim program. We are currently preparing an extensive publicity campaign to notify residents of the upcoming program.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Agenda Item No. 2 *S-339*

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item 19
on the City's participation in a mandatory
curbside recycling program.

In City Council,

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