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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

November 6, 2000

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-101, regarding a report on covering costs of the annual holiday meals distributed by CEOC and the Cambridge Food Pantry, Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold reports the following:

Department of Human Service Programs staff have been in contact with CEOC about resources needed to provide holiday turkeys through the food pantries. In this time of escalating food prices and growing needs, the \$96,000 the City and the Health Alliance provide annually to the Food Pantry Network through CEOC cannot be stretched to cover all costs of turkeys and other items needed for holiday meals. In recognition of this, last year the City made an additional allocation of \$5,000 for this purpose. We recommend that the City provide \$7,000 for holiday meals this year, a 40% increase over last year's special allocation. These funds can be used to match \$7,000 that the Food Pantry Network has already committed. We will continue to support CEOC's efforts to make local food needs more visible and to mobilize contributions from various segments of the community this year and in the future. CEOC and the Chamber of Commerce, for example, are already discussing ways to increase donations from the business community.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Communication from Robert W. Healy,
City Manager, relative to Awaiting
Report Item Number 00-101, regarding
a report on covering costs of the
annual holiday meals distributed by
CEOC and the Cambridge Food Pantry.

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