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**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** CDDat344; City Manager; Farooq, Iram; Lopez, Donna  
**Subject:** Difficulties with GSA's initial "land swap" effort

Dear Mayor David P. Maher, Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan, and Members Dennis J. Carlone, Leland Cheung, Craig A. Kelley, Nadeem A. Mazen, Marc C. McGovern, E. Denise Simmons, and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.:

This article in today's *New York Times* has us unsettled and concerned:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/23/business/fbi-headquarters-replacement-is-mired-in-money-issues.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/23/business/fbi-headquarters-replacement-is-mired-in-money-issues.html?_r=0)

In brief, it seems to say that the GSA's intended "land swap" involving the F.B.I. Headquarters in Washington, D.C. is in trouble on many counts—most seriously, complications with how the effort will be funded and managed.

This "land swap" as you know is quite similar to the GSA's hoped-for second effort that is to involve the Volpe site in Kendall Square.

We are very concerned—both that Cambridge may now become *the* test case for GSA, and that these difficulties raise doubts about that agency's ability to marshal and organize resources for this kind of enormous undertaking.

As homeowners we urge you to take the time for more careful reflection and examination before proceeding with a "land swap" in our city.

With best regards,  
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