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Robert W. Healy, City Manager
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Response to Awaiting Report #010-119-Long Term Plans for 116 Norfolk Street

Dear Mr. Healy,

The Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) owns and operates the property at 116 Norfolk Street in the Area 4 neighborhood as a 37-unit congregate residential property serving elderly persons and people with disabilities. The four story building has been owned by the CHA since 1975 and has provided deeply affordable housing for vulnerable populations since that time.

Significant renovations to the building have recently been undertaken including the installation of new aluminum windows, new roof and trim work, repairs to both sets of stairways, and masonry repairs to the perimeter walls. In addition, significant improvements are underway to improve and enhance the accessibility of the property both inside and out for those with physical disabilities.

These improvements are designed to improve the quality of life for the current and future residents of the property and help ensure the long-term viability of the property at 116 Norfolk Street.

As the planned repairs are completed, the CHA will be evaluating future opportunities to improve the site in the context of the overall capital improvement program for the CHA portfolio. There are no current plans to significantly alter the open space or add additional units at that location. If any plans were considered in the future, they would be undertaken in consultation with the neighborhood and City officials.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Gregory Russ
Executive Director