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

Dear Mr. Healy,

I am writing in reference to City Council Order No. 20, dated August 1, 2011, concerning issues with fireworks at Corcoran Park.

The City Council order stated that the CHA and the Cambridge Police did not respond to complaints in a timely fashion. Corcoran Park sits on over 16 acres of land and without additional and specific information, it is difficult to determine the origin of the fireworks on that site. The Cambridge Police Department received hundreds of calls on July 4, 2011 pertaining to fireworks. This is one of the busiest days of the year for the Cambridge Police Department as they are dedicating a majority of their resources towards crowd control along the Charles River.

We understand the concerns of the City Council that fireworks pose a variety of dangers to people and property. Next year, we will send out a notice to all Corcoran Park residents prior to July 4th warning residents of the danger of the use of fireworks and reminding them that the use of fireworks is against the law. We will coordinate these efforts with the Cambridge Police Department and the CHA's Public Safety Administrator.

If you have any further questions or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gregory P. Russ'.

Gregory P. Russ
Executive Director
Cambridge Housing Authority

cc: Kathy Murphy, Cambridge Police Department