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**Cc:** Lopez, Donna
**Subject:** City Mgr Item #2 -the Mysterious $15,000 -- For the Official Record

Dear Ms. Lopez – please enter this into the official record for the City Council

Dear City Councillors: RE the proposal to give $15,000 to the Cambridge Community Center.

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3. When I read the city manager's letter, on Friday, suggesting the $15,000 for the CCC, I then spoke with David Gibbs, Exec. Dir., CCC, and asked him: will he be able to absorb the full children's and other programs of the King Community School. Our conversation focused on the CCC absorbing the King Community School programs not on, as the city manager said last evening, that the CCC is *"...to be the coordinating agency to the King/Riverside neighborhood Council for the process that will disrupt the neighborhood and the decision making about the construction of the King school."*
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5. What is interesting is that as of 2/25/12, neither Mr. Gibbs nor I were aware that the $15,000 was to be for the CCC to use to host the King Neighborhood Council. It is not clear to me what is meant by that since the Neighborhood Councils do not conduct classes or run outings by bus. The Community School Directors are the only legal entity within the city who can do that.
6. As of this date, and after hearing the city manager's comments last evening, I am still not clear how I can tell the King Neighborhood Council what this money would mean to them.

If any of the members of the City Council can shed any light on this proposal by the City Manager, I would welcome learning about it.
I would welcome the opportunity to work with Mr. Gibbs on any outreach to the neighborhood. I told Mr. Gibbs on 2/25/12 that I was thrilled with all the improvements he is making at the CCC and with his extensive outreach to the Community. I love the Winter Farmers' Market and am so happy he consented to the use of the CCC gymnasium for this wonderful resource.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
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