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Louis DePasquale, City Manager
City of Cambridge
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Edward J. Sullivan Courthouse

Dear City Manager DePasquale:

This letter is in reference to the former Edward J. Sullivan Courthouse located at 40 Thorndike Street in East Cambridge. As you know, this property is owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is currently under agreement to be sold to Leggat McCall Properties (LMP).

We expect that sale to close as soon as possible following LMP meeting the project's permitting requirements, including securing the parking spaces required by the Cambridge Planning Board Special Permit.

A question has arisen regarding whether the Commonwealth would transfer the property to the City of Cambridge for nominal consideration. The Commonwealth has no plans to do so, due to the pending purchase and sale agreement with Leggat McCall. As required by Chapter 304 of the Acts of 2008, the enabling legislation for this transaction, the Commonwealth expects to obtain full and fair market value for the property.

Very truly yours,


Carol W. Gladstone
Commissioner