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To: Harvard Square Residents and Property Owners

From: Charles Sullivan, Executive Director

Re: Seeking Harvard Square Conservation District Study Committee members

The Cambridge Historical Commission voted on March 2 to initiate a study process for the Harvard Square Conservation District to examine alternative and/or additional guidelines and procedures for the District as well as its current boundaries. A study committee to be appointed by the City Manager may also consider amendments to the Order that established the Harvard Square Conservation District in 2000 and to the Neighborhood Conservation District enabling ordinance.

The City Manager is seeking individuals who are interested in the future of Harvard Square to serve on the study committee. The committee will consist of three members or alternates of the Historical Commission and four other persons, including at least one resident of the district, at least one district property owner, and “one person who owns property or resides elsewhere in the City who has demonstrated knowledge and concern for conservation and enhancement of those exterior features of the City that are important to its distinctive character.” I anticipate that the study committee will meet one to two times a month for a period of approximately 12 to 18 months. All meetings of the committee will be open to the public.

If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the study committee, you can apply by using the city’s online application system at www.cambridgema.gov/apply and selecting the “Harvard Square Conservation District Study Committee.” A cover letter and résumé or applicable experience can be submitted during the online application process. Paper applications are available in the City Manager’s Office at Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue. The deadline for submitting applications for this committee is May 5, 2017.

Feel free to contact the Historical Commission at 617-349-4683 or histcomm@cambridgema.gov if you have any questions. If you want to receive meeting materials and periodic updates about the study, please send an e-mail with the subject heading “Add me to the Harvard Square Study e-mail group” to Sarah Burks at sburks@cambridgema.gov.