



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

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Harry Collings
Executive Secretary
Boston Redevelopment Authority
Boston City Hall
One City Hall Plaza
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Collings:

We are excited about the possibility of redeveloping the former Area D-4 police station in the South End. Not only will the sale of this building bring much needed revenue to the city, but it should also help provide additional housing opportunities in that area.

Of key concern in any redevelopment are groundwater levels. Recent data from the Boston Groundwater Trust indicates that groundwater levels are extremely low in and around this building. All applicants for this property should include a substantive groundwater initiative in their application. No development should be permitted that will have a net negative impact on groundwater levels.

We have copied this letter to all the developer applicants, and have also forwarded this letter to the Boston Courant and South End News. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Ross
Boston City Council—District 8

James M. Kelly
Boston City Council—District 2