

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND
PETER MEADE, DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE
CANCER GARDEN OF HOPE ON BOSTON CITY HALL PLAZA

SUMMARY: This Memorandum requests that the Boston Redevelopment Authority (the “BRA”) authorize an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Boston, acting through its Property and Construction Management Department, and the Conquer Cancer Coalition of Massachusetts, Inc. for a portion of City Hall Plaza to allow for the construction of additional garden elements within the existing Cancer Garden of Hope on City Hall Plaza, subject to BRA approval of final design plans.

BACKGROUND

The Cancer Garden of Hope on Boston City Hall Plaza (the “Garden”) is a tribute garden to honor cancer victims and survivors and to raise much needed funding and awareness for all cancers. The Garden features personalized engraved bricks and plaques that are available for a donation, as well as the opportunity to donate for flowers to keep the Garden maintained. The Garden includes approximately 3,000 engraved bricks and plaques, and 180 linear feet of built-in granite planters. It also includes an accessible ramp, seating and signage.

The Garden is the result of teamwork between the City of Boston, the Conquer Cancer Coalition of Massachusetts, Inc., the Boston Redevelopment Authority (“BRA”) and many dedicated and hardworking people and organizations. The Garden is located on a portion of City Hall Plaza which is owned by the BRA and under the care, custody and control of the City of Boston, acting through its Property and Construction Management Department. The existing Memorandum of Agreement sets forth the terms for the construction and maintenance of the Garden. The amendment will allow the addition of garden signage, seating, and a gazebo, and establish terms for their management and maintenance by the Conquer Cancer Coalition of Massachusetts, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

BRA staff recommends that the Director be authorized to amend the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Boston, acting through its Property and Construction Management Department, and the Conquer Cancer Coalition of Massachusetts, Inc. for the construction of additional garden elements within the existing Garden, subject to BRA approval of the final design plans.

An appropriate vote follows:

VOTED: That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to amend the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Boston, acting through its Property and Construction Management Department, and the Conquer Cancer Coalition of Massachusetts, Inc. to allow for the construction of additional garden elements within the existing Cancer Garden of Hope on City Hall Plaza on a portion of City Hall Plaza, upon such terms and conditions as the Director deems appropriate and in the best interests of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, in his discretion.