



# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

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August 7, 2017

To the Honorable, the City Council:

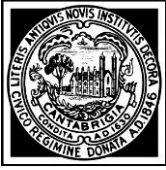
Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-24, regarding a report on the Harvard Square Theater, received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Iram Farooq.

Very truly yours,

Louis A. DePasquale  
City Manager

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Attachment(s)






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**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
Community Development Department

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**IRAM FAROOQ**

*Assistant City Manager for  
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**SANDRA CLARKE**

*Deputy Director  
Chief of Administration*

To: Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager

From: Iram Farooq, Assistant City Manager for Community Development

Re: Awaiting Report #O-16 dated 2/27/17 RE: regarding the Harvard Square Theater at 10 Church Street

Date: July 27, 2017

With respect to the above-referenced council order, we report the following. On May 31, 2017, Kirche, LLC, the owner of 10 Church Street, announced conceptual plans for the redevelopment of the Harvard Square Theater site.

The plan calls for demolishing the existing theater building and replacing it with a mixed-use building with office, a movie theater, a central courtyard, and ground floor retail. In keeping with the City Council's goals for the site, the project aims to engage and activate the street, while supporting and reflecting the character of Harvard Square. The conceptual plans are designed by Paulo Martins Barata and Luis Teixeira of Lisbon-based architecture firm, Promontorio, in collaboration with Elizabeth Whittaker of Boston-based Merge Architects. Renderings of the façade are available on the next page.

The development team indicates that in seeking an experienced operator to operate the proposed two-screen theater, they are in discussions with Richard Fraiman, independent owner of the Capitol Theater in Arlington and the Somerville Theater in Davis Square.

The project would be subject to review at the Harvard Square Advisory Committee and would require review and approval from the Cambridge Historical Commission and the Cambridge Planning Board.

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Attachment: HSQ Theater CO Response (CMA 2017 #206 : AR Response RE: Harvard Square Theater)

