City of Gardner, Executive Department

Michael J. Nicholson, Mayor

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Hon. Elizabeth J. Kazinskas, Council President And City Councilors Gardner City Hall, Rm 121 95 Pleasant St Gardner, MA 01440

RE: <u>SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION</u> – Item #10723: An Order Appropriating \$90,000 from Free Cash to the School Department Tennis Courts Capital Project Account

Dear Madam President and Councilors,

I have received some questions from Councilors regarding Item #10723: An Order Appropriating \$90,000 from Free Cash to the School Department Tennis Courts Capital Project Account.

The City received a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts to install a new fitness court Gardner High School.

This will be located directly next to the Dernalowicz Memorial Tennis Courts. A copy of the proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield is attached.

Whereas this court is being installed this summer, this item is being requested to coincide with this project so that all of the work done in that area can be done at once.

This was an item that was originally intended to be submitted earlier this spring, but was delayed until the end of the fiscal year in order to fully monitor any budgetary impacts that could have come up as a result of the historic inflation rates we are seeing nationwide. As we are at the end of the Fiscal Year, it is now clear that aside from those items that were already submitted to the City Council, there is no further need for Free Cash to cover any budgetary line item deficits.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Nicholson Mayor, City of Gardner