



Museum of Fine Arts Boston

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Mr. Matthew Englander
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Assessing Department
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Dear Mr. Englander:

In relation to the letter on October 1, 2012, please realize the following in relation to the community service credit portion of the PILOT agreement between the Museum of Fine Arts and the City of Boston dated 1988.

The Museum of Fine Arts is a Massachusetts, charitable corporation, whose mission is for the advancement of art and education. The City of Boston is one of the original incorporators of the Museum and the Mayor, Superintendent of Schools and a delegate from the Boston Public Library Foundation all are Trustees of the Museum.

The Museum outreaches on many levels to the people of the city of Boston through the following:

- The Museum is open on Wednesday nights to all free of charge in FY12. On average, approximately 1,195 visitors per night attend the museum on these nights. If admission were to be charged, this would generate approximately \$1,243,000 of revenue per year.
- The Museum has a number of free days (Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, and Columbus Day, etc.) during which no admission is charged. In FY 2012, there were over 22,000 free days admissions. If admission were to be charged, this would generate approximately \$443,000 of revenue for the year ended June 30, 2012.
- The Museum maintains the landscaping, including tree maintenance, and snow removal of a variety of properties near the Museum which are owned by the City of Boston. These properties include land between The Fenway and the Museum, the park on which the Endicott Memorial is located, Huntington Avenue.
- In addition, the Museum, under its agreement with the Boston Redevelopment Authority, contributes approximately \$42,000 each year over a twelve year period to the Housing Exaction Program.