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## **BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable John M. Payne, Jr. (Ret.), City Solicitor Law Department, City of Springfield 36 Court Street Springfield, MA 01103

## Re: Update for DCAMM Site Assessment/Feasibility Study for Hampden County Courthouse Relocation

Dear Judge Payne,

In accordance with Paragraph 5 of the Settlement Agreement executed on or about May 6, 2022 in the case captioned *Coakley-Rivera, et al. v. Carey, et al.*, Case No. SJ-2021-0355, the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance ("DCAMM") provides the following progress update on the site assessment and feasibility study referenced therein. Per the Agreement, DCAMM will provide updates on a monthly basis going forward.

In the past few weeks, DCAMM negotiated its agreement with HDR Architecture, P.C. ("HDR"), the consulting firm that will conduct the site assessment and feasibility study. On May 25, 2022, DCAMM issued a Notice to Proceed to HDR to begin its work. Project team members from DCAMM, in conjunction with individuals from the Trial Court and HDR, expect to meet the week of June 13th regarding the project, and expect to identify a long list of potential sites for location and construction of a new courthouse complex to replace the departments housed in the existing Roderick L. Ireland Courthouse as well as those in the Housing and Juvenile Court building currently located at 80 State Street in Springfield, MA.

Over the next six-to-eight weeks, we expect HDR to work with the Trial Court and DCAMM to further refine the anticipated operational and space needs of the Trial Court. HDR will use that information to inform its initial site assessment work, which will include touring various potential relocation sites as well as further assessment of the current operations at the Ireland Courthouse.

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We are pleased to report that the timeline of the site assessment and feasibility study remains on track for completion within the timeframe set forth in Paragraph 5 of the Settlement Agreement. We look forward to providing you with an update on additional progress next month.

Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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