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For Your Information,

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**Subject:** Re: Fire works on the forth of July 2020

*Good Afternoon Commissioner Foster,*

*I have completed my review of your proposal for the Cambridge Fireworks Event in July. I have sought guidance from Mr. William Jones, Dorchester County State's Attorney regarding the proposal you outlined. Our conclusion and recommendations are as follows:*

*1. Since the parks will be closed, the* *West End area of the City, would probably be the preferred area for viewing the fireworks. As a result we don't see a way to fill the streets with vehicles in a manner that would provide decent vantage points for watching fireworks.  From previous years experience, one must get to an open area to view them.*

*2.  The primary viewing areas for the fireworks tend to be Great Marsh, Long Wharf, and Sailwinds.  These are all parks that would have to be closed. As a result there will be a very real risk that people will flood the parks, even though they officially are closed.*

*3.  The issue that arises is whether the police can properly keep the parks empty.  Our understanding is that Chief Lewis has gone on the record in recommending that there be no fireworks, because his department would not be able to properly police the park closures.  If that is the case, the position of the police department carries great weight.*

*In sum, the Cambridge Police Department has recommended that there be no fireworks because the officers may not be able to ensure compliance with the executive orders and other CDC guidelines.  That recommendation has basis in fact and law.*

*Based on the facts above, as Health Officer I recommend that there be no fireworks this year under the proposal that you submitted.*

*If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.*

*Thank you,*

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