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President Curtis - During my years as chair of the Board of Finance, I have generally avoided involvement in Board of Representatives' items after our board has voted. Occasionally, however, when necessary or when requested, I have communicated with BOR members after our vote, most recently on the \$20m capital reserve for school construction. Given recent public representations as to the Board of Finance's position on a community center at 35 Crescent Street, I am compelled to comment.

I never speak for the BOF on an item prior to a vote, and did not on this item. However, I am frequently asked, as I imagine every member of my board is, as to the level of support for a particular item, and I answer with an honest assessment of the positions of individual members. Last week, I was asked by Bridget Fox of the Mayor's office as to the potential level of BOF support for City funding for a community center at 35 Crescent Street. My response was that based on my conversations with two other board members as well as my own position, there would not be enough votes to approve the expenditure of either City capital or City operating funds for a community center.

Please feel free to forward this email to your membership.

Thank you,  
Richard Freedman