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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council Members
FROM: David J. Provost – Sr. Vice President, Champlain College
RE: Purchase of Brown's Court Parcels (#049-3-027-000 and #049-3-041-000)
DATE: 10 July 2013

Greetings City Councilors:

As some of you may be aware, Champlain College has recently executed a letter agreement with the City of Burlington to purchase the so called "*Brown's Court Parking Lot*" (see attached). The letter agreement has been signed by the Mayor, and would require City Council approval if sold to Champlain College per the 1994 MOU. If approved, the purchase will allow for a mixed use (residential / commercial / parking) redevelopment of the *Browns' Court* parcel together with the adjacent *Eagles Club* property, previously acquired by the College for student apartment housing.

This transaction represents a unique opportunity for the City and the College, two long-time community stakeholders, to realize the shared goal of additional downtown housing. In 2007, the College adopted (with strong participation by neighbors, City officials and other community stakeholders) a master plan which has provided the blueprint to guide its growth into the future. The housing component of the Plan commits the College to house up to 90% of its students in either on campus dormitories or off-campus apartments. Since then, the College has followed the specific recommendations of its master plan to guide its mission. As you are aware, the College is currently adding approximately 275 new, on-campus beds currently under construction at the *Res-Tri* project in addition to the 150+ beds it has recently renovated around campus. The proposed redevelopment of the *Eagles Club/Brown's Court* parcels furthers the goal of the Plan by creating significant student housing around the city core, thereby relieving pressure on adjoining residential neighborhoods. Simply stated, the College has proven to be a responsible institutional neighbor with consistent, long-term interests of the City.

We look forward to discussing this transaction with you in greater detail at the upcoming City Council meeting on July 15th. In the meantime, if you have any questions concerning our offer to purchase, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

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