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March 24, 1995

**TO: SUSAN SCHLESINGER
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**FROM:  D. MARGARET DRURY
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**SUBJECT: HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HEARING**

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Mr. Daniel Wuenschel, Executive Director
Cambridge Housing Authority
270 Green Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Wuenschel:

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret Drury".

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Peter J. Berry
18 Worcester St.
Cambridge, MA

Andrea Nash
18 Worcester St.
Cambridge, MA

Debra Wise
20 Wise Street
Cambridge, MA

Alice H. deJesus
9 1/2 Suffolk Street
Cambridge, MA

Janne Hellgren
25 Suffolk Street
Cambridge, MA

Suzanne R. Green
9 Worcester St.
Cambridge, MA

Beckford, Donald, Daphne &
Donovan
11 Worcester Street
Cambridge, MA

James & Carliee M. Galligan
13 Worcester Street
Cambridge, MA

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17 Worcester Street
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March 8, 1995

Mr. Daniel Weunschel, Executive Director
Cambridge Housing Authority
270 Green Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Weunschel:

Enclosed is a copy of a communication from residents of Worcester Street regarding a potential CHA housing site on that street. The City Council has directed me to inform you that the Council is supportive of the neighbor's position and hopes that the CHA will be able to work with these residents to the shared satisfaction of those involved.

Sincerely,

Margaret
Margaret Drury
City Clerk

in the

Community Residents
Worcester Street Area
Cambridge, MA 02139

Cambridge City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

February 13, 1995

Dear Councilor,

The undersigned are Cambridge residents from the Worcester Street area who are directly affected by Cambridge Housing Authority's (CHA) proposed project to build housing on Worcester Street. We hereby most strongly object to their proposal for the following reasons:

- As CHA's own residential density statistics clearly show, Area IV's per acre density is 56% above the city average (55.8 people/acre citywide vs. 87.5 people/acre for Area IV). The Area IV neighborhood is the second densest neighborhood in Cambridge and lacks a sufficient infrastructure to expand further. Chronic lack of street parking, low water pressure during morning hours, lack of open space, increased criminal activity and other problems are all symptoms of the burden that this high density imposes on our community. Furthermore, it is clear that CHA's proposed units would only exacerbate the population problem by adding an average of 3.4 persons/unit (while the citywide average is 2.4 persons/unit).
- Although not the only example in Area IV, Worcester Street is representative of a stable, well-integrated community. Its residents reflect the multi-cultural, multi-lingual, and diverse socio-economic population of the district as a whole. All of the homes are owner-occupied and many of them house families that have lived on the street for generations. This continuity contributes to a strong and active neighborhood that positively affects the immediate area.
- Given the high density of Area IV, our priority is the preservation of the limited open space that remains. We do not view the yard behind 116 Norfolk Street as a vacant lot, but rather as a highly valued natural environment in an otherwise congested area. What it contributes to the surroundings is not easily measured, but keenly felt. Its trees are the lungs of the community. To alter the space would destroy a fragile balance that is vital to the residents of Worcester Street, as well as the surrounding neighborhood.

Rather than imposing a plan that will adversely affect our neighborhood, CHA and the City of Cambridge should:

- develop a citywide strategy to more equally distribute public housing throughout the City. At present, 61% of CHA units are located east of River and Prospect Streets. Of all districts, Area IV contains the largest number of units despite being one of the smallest in size;
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Sincerely,

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 Jaime Hellgren 25 Suffolk St.
 Suzanne R. Green 9 Worcester
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Consent Comm. # 2 5-87

Communication from Peter J. Berry, et al
in opposition to the Cambridge Housing
Authority's proposed project to build
housing on Worcester Street.

Copy sent to City mgr 3/8/95 @
Copy sent to Housing & Comm.
Development Committee 3/8/95 @

In City Council,
March 6, 1995

Referred to the City
manager and the
Executive Director of the
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Authority

Referred to the Housing &
Community Development
Committee in motion of
Councillor Quisley.

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