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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Community Affairs
Leverett Saltonstall Building, Government Center
100 Cambridge Street, Boston 02202

March 27, 1975

Mr. Thaddeus R. Beal, Chairman
Cambridge Redevelopment Authority
336 Main Street
Cambridge, MA 02142

Dear Mr. Beal:

Thank you for your letter of March 25, 1975, which details your connection with the Authority, your position as a partner in the law firm of Herrick, Smith, Donald, Farley and Ketchum, the relationship of this firm as general counsel to Metcalf and Eddy Inc., the fact of your non-participation as an attorney in previous dealings between your law firm and Metcalf and Eddy, Inc., the fact that Metcalf and Eddy, Inc. is not represented by your law firm in the proposed contract with the Authority, your non-participation in the negotiations between the Authority and Metcalf and Eddy, Inc., resulting in the tentative designation of this corporation as consultant, and your present intention not to participate in future actions of the Authority involving this corporation.

I have also examined the letter of Edward D. McCarthy, Esq., City Solicitor of Cambridge, directed to you, dated February 3, 1975, expressing his opinion that you are not involved in a conflict of interest.

I quote from Mr. McCarthy's letter:

"Your planned course of action prevents even the appearance of a possible conflict of interest and removes any conceivable legal obstacle to a contract between the Authority and Metcalf & Eddy."

As a member of a redevelopment authority, you are, under the provisions of G.L., c. 121B, s. 7, considered to be a special municipal employee for the purposes of chapter 268A, which prescribes standards of conduct for such employees. The language quoted from Mr. McCarthy's letter in effect restates the standard set forth in G.L. c. 268A, § 23(d).

I completely concur in Mr. McCarthy's opinion.

Very truly yours,

Maurice Corman

MAURICE CORMAN
Chief Counsel

100 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON, MASS. 02110

March 25, 1975

James L. Sullivan, City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Mr. ^{*Jim*}~~Sullivan~~:

I am submitting herewith my resignation as Chairman of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority effective immediately. I am taking this step to avoid the possibility that the Redevelopment Authority, and its Kendall Square project, may be involved in unwarranted controversy because of the fact that the law firm in which I am a partner represents clients who own property in the East Cambridge neighborhood or who may be retained by the Authority as consultants.

As I believe you know, I have not participated in any vote or decision of the Authority in which any such clients were involved, and my firm has not performed legal services for these clients in connection with this project. I have been advised by the City Solicitor that there has been no possible conflict of interest under the Massachusetts statute, and I would, of course, have been guided by his opinion in the future. Nonetheless I believe it is important that any suggestion of conflict of interest be avoided if the Kendall Square project is to go forward and be considered on its merits.

With my continued best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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Thaddeus R. Beal

cc: Governor Michael S. Dukakis
Department of Community Affairs

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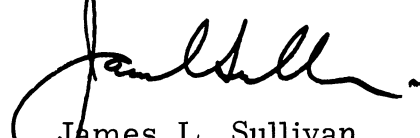
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

March 31, 1975

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith communication from Thaddeus R. Beal, dated March 25, 1975, with notification of his resignation as Chairman of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority effective immediately.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Resignation of Thaddeus Beal to the Cambridge
Redevelopment Authority.

In City Council,
March 31, 1975

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