

# CAMBRIDGE COMMITTEE OF ELDERS, INC.

15 Pearl Street

Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

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December 7, 1979

Members of the Cambridge City Council:

We are writing you on behalf of the 1,200 members of the Cambridge Committee of Elders and the residents of Chester Manor nursing home.

As you know, the residents of Chester Manor and Exeter House Nursing Home are facing a crisis due to bankruptcy proceedings which are being held in relation to these two homes.

On November 5th Councillor Vellucci introduced an order which called for immediate action in regard to these two homes. As of this date there has not been a written report spelling out the various options which could involve the city of Cambridge in the future operation of these two nursing homes. Information about the cities acceptance of responsibility in regard to these two nursing homes has been sketchy.

The issues involved in the possible closing of these two nursing homes is extremely complex and deserves a public hearing.

Time is of the essence in the matter of these two nursing homes in Cambridge, and court dates have been set for December 19 to discuss bankruptcy proceedings.

On behalf of the residents of Chester Manor Nursing home, and along with the 1,200 members of the Cambridge Committee of Elders, we are calling for a full public hearing to be held on the future of Chester Manor and Exeter House Nursing Home.

We are requesting that this public hearing be held on the evening of Monday, December 17th. In order to accomodate nursing home residents, we are asking that this hearing be held at 6:30 in the evening just prior to the City Council meeting.

Attached is a copy of a petition regarding the Chester Manor nursing home by residents of that home. We hope that this will serve as reason enough for calling for a full and complete public hearing on this issue on December 17th. Again time is of the essence, and we cannot afford any delay in public discussion of the future of these two Cambridge nursing homes.

Sincerely,  
Dot Willey  
Herman Brown  
State Nursing Home Ombudsmen  
Cambridge Committee of Elders



# City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
December 10, 1979

COUNCILOR PREUSSER

WHEREAS: The Exeter House and the Chester Manor Nursing Homes are in bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS: The average age of residency is 85 years of age; and

WHEREAS: The trauma of a possible move is most disruptive to the health and well-being of the patients; therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to meet with the Coordinator of Human Services and the Advocacy Committee of the Committee of Elders, 15 Pearl Street, to determine how the City of Cambridge can effect a humane solution to this problem; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council meet at 6:30 PM on the 17th of December to hear from the City Manager and the Advocacy Committee of the Committee of Elders and any other appropriate persons or agencies in regard to this emergency.

In City Council December 10, 1979  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.  
Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

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Order #7

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C. Preusser re: hearing on December 17th  
re: Exeter House and the Chester Manor  
Nursing Homes.

In City Council

December 10, 1979

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Order Adopted

8 Members