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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

June 16, 1972

Mr. John Corcoran
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

RE: Inman Square Apartments
Cambridge - Chapter 121A

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

Enclosed is an application for approval of Cambridge - Inman Square Apartments - G.L. Chapter 121A, filed by Inman Square Apartments, Co., a limited partnership, for a housing project consisting of 116 apartments in a 13 story building.

As provided in Section 6 and 18C of Chapter 121A, when this Department is requested to approve such a project, it shall transmit the application to the City Manager of the City involved who then shall request the planning board to hold a public hearing and to make a report on such an application.

The planning board, after a public hearing of which newspaper notice has been given in accordance with Instruction 8 of our Rules and Regulations, shall make such determinations as may be required by the provisions of Section 1 and 6 of said Chapter 121A.

Such findings must include the following:

1. Whether the project area is a blighted open area; or a substandard area; or a decadent area; (See definitions in Section 1 of Chapter 121A);

2. Whether the proposed project conflicts with the master plan of the city;

3. Whether such project would be in any way detrimental to the best interest of the public safety and convenience or inconsistent with the most suitable development of the city;

4. Whether the project will constitute a public use and benefit.

The planning board shall submit to you a report approving or disapproving the project, together with the reason for such approval or disapproval.

When you receive the planning board's report, you shall transmit the same to this Department, together with a certificate of your approval or disapproval of the project. With your report, we would appreciate comments on the following matters:

1. Concerning conditions which warrant the carrying out of the project.

2. Concerning the correct estimate of the cost of the project.

3. Concerning the practicability of the project.

4. As to whether the construction will be in contravention of any zoning, subdivision, health or building ordinances or by-laws and regulations of the City of Cambridge or any municipal board of said city in effect in the location of the proposed project.

Enclosed is a copy of General Laws Chapter 121A, as amended, a copy of our Rules and Regulations, and a copy of the application.

If this office can be of further assistance in this matter, we shall be pleased to cooperate.

Sincerely,

Miles Mahoney

Miles Mahoney
Commissioner

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Enclosures

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JOHN H. CORCORAN
City Manager

June 19, 1972

To the Honorable, the City Council,

Please be advised that I have this day transmitted to the Cambridge Planning Board the application of Inman Square Apartments Co. as transmitted to me by Miles Mahoney, Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs under the provisions of Section 6 and 18c of Chapter 121A of the General Laws; relating data is attached.

This petition proposes to construct 116 units of publicly assisted housing consisting of 19 efficiency apartments, 78 one-bedroom apartments and 1 four bedroom apartment complete with parking for 44 cars and related landscaping in a 13 story building at a construction cost of $2,382,150.00 and representing an increase in tax revenue pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 121A.

This project represents a significant component of the more than 2000 units of publicly assisted housing completed or under construction during my administration and will have a significant impact on the housing shortage in our city.

The Planning Board, I understand, shall be hearing the petition tomorrow evening and I have urged their prompt consideration so that construction can begin shortly.

Yours truly,

John H. Corcoran
City Manager

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relative to application of Inman Square Apartments Co.

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