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TO: The Members of the CAC

FROM: George A. McLaughlin, General Chairman

DATE: May 20, 1970

RE: Letter on Redevelopment Authority Guidelines Report

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

Dear Jim:

I have the April 17, 1970 letter from your office relative to Councillor Thomas Coates' motion in City Council on March 16, 1970 concerning the CAC Report on Guidelines for Future Membership on the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority.

The Report with recommendations dated March 10, 1970, in my opinion, is clear and concise, and needs no elaboration.

As the Report states, Cambridge has entered a new period which demands new priorities, with aroused community participation, and with intense pressures which must be taken into account in determining the future of this City.

It was obvious to the Committee that the lack of housing for the low-income in Cambridge was the single most important of these priorities which led to the assignment of the Guidelines Study to the CAC.

The CAC from its inception in 1967 has been pointing out that one of the greatest pressures comes from the needs for this housing if Cambridge is to continue to be a City of Homes.

The Guidelines Committee, as you know, advocates the appointment to the Redevelopment Authority of "an imaginative advocate of housing for the low-income" but at the same time the Committee calls attention to the sobering fact that the Authority will exercise supervision over a \$50 million program for community development and the "Authority must be concerned with broadening the tax base to meet continuing increasing costs of municipal operation."

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And without a broadened tax base any imaginative advocate of housing for the low-income, whether or not he is a member of the Redevelopment Authority, will find himself frustrated as will the advocates of better municipal services which we have a right to expect as the result of a well-executed redevelopment program.

Sincerely,

GAM:km

George A. McLaughlin, Sr.
General Chairman

Office of the City Clerk

March 18, 1970

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the City Council held on March 16th, 1970 a report was received from the Cambridge Advisory Committee relative to guidelines for membership to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority.

On motion of Councillor Coates said report was referred to the City Manager with a request for more definite guidelines and specific recommendations to be prepared by the Cambridge Advisory Committee for further consideration by the City Council.

Truly yours,

signed

Paul E. Healy,
Temporary City Clerk

Communication from the Cambridge Advisory
Committee regarding Report on Guidelines
for Future Membership on the Cambridge Re-
development Authority

May 22, 1970
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Copies to All
Committees