



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

November 9, 1979

The Honorable Edward J. King, Governor
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor King,

I am writing in response to your September 13th letter requesting that the City of Cambridge initiate winter planning activities. Several programs are already in place and others are planned.

Richard Fahlander is the City's Energy Coordinator. He can be reached at the Community Development Department, 57 Inman Street Cambridge 02139, work phone, 498-9034 and home phone, 643-0830. Mr. Fahlander will coordinate winter planning as well as other energy-related activities.

Conservation measures underway include compliance with the Federal temperature restrictions and energy auditing of all municipal buildings. Once current consumption is documented we will set conservation goals and implement measures necessary to achieve goals. The Department of Public Works, School Department and other affected departments will meet regularly to coordinate conservation planning.

If a supply shortage develops we are prepared to take whatever measures necessary to insure community health and safety. A contingency plan for the phased closing of municipal buildings will be coordinated by Richard Fahlander. In the event the shortage is severe the City's Civil Defense Office is prepared to implement emergency plans. Civil Defense has identified two sites for emergency housing. We hope that the State will encourage private businesses to develop their own contingency plans.

The problem of housing abandonment is receiving serious attention from the affected City departments. We will use all available statutory authority to keep buildings occupied.

We are also concerned that people will not have adequate resources to pay for heat. To address the problem we are participating in a human services energy task force established by Cambridge Community Services. The task force is working with the Somerville-Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (SCEOC) to insure that emergency fuel assistance is provided in an efficient and equitable manner. The task force has also established the Cambridge Fuel Fund to provide grants and loans for people who do not qualify for SCEOC grants. In addition, SCEOC has established a 24 hour hot line for emergency fuel assistance, and the City will publish a pamphlet later this month describing available energy-related services.

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On a broader scale, we are sponsoring a series of Neighborhood Energy Workshops through our community schools. The workshops offer simple no and low cost techniques to save heat and money. We are also looking for ways to expand conservation activities through out existing housing improvement programs. Finally, we are exploring the preparation of a long-range energy plan for the City. It is our view that a vigorous local energy conservation and development program is our most cost-effective approach to rising energy prices.

Please contact Richard Fahlander if there are specific questions about the planning activities. We hope that the State will keep us informed of the supply and price situation so that we can adjust our plans accordingly.

We appreciate your interest in our local energy planning efforts.

Very truly yours,

James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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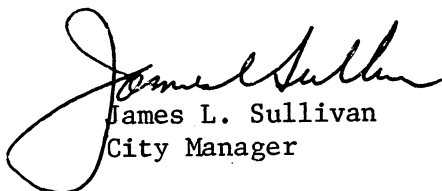
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November 19, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am enclosing a communication that I have sent to Governor Edward J. King regarding energy planning activities within the City. The communication is for your information to acquaint you with some of the activities that are currently underway.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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RE: communication to Governor Edward J. King
re: energy planning activities within the city.

In City Council,
November 19, 1979

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