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Cambridge City Council
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Dear City Councilors:

Catholic Charities of Cambridge and Somerville joins the Central Office of the Archdiocese of Boston in supporting the proposal by Shelter, Inc. to develop a transitional center for the homeless at the former Prospect Street Congregational Church in Cambridge.

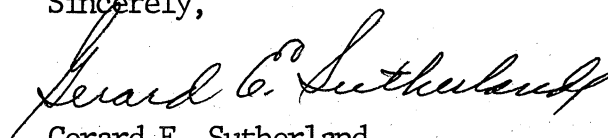
You need not be burdened by a retelling of the dire needs of the homeless, whether in Cambridge or elsewhere. Their plight and their prospects are well known.

There are at least two factors which recommend support for the current proposal of Shelter, Inc. The first is the integrity and the competent management of Shelter, Inc. programs wherever they are offered. The second factor is Shelter, Inc.'s program to provide comprehensive service to the homeless to promote their skills to become more self-sufficient. It has also been stated that it was preferable to have their group of people gathered together in a program that provided them with hope and that encouraged their own development than having them scattered throughout the community.

You know, I am sure, that this Agency has worked and continues to work in conjunction with the Department of Human Services in the City of Cambridge. Our aims are similar; to help the citizens of Cambridge, the homeless included, when there is need and hurt and confusion.

I thank you for considering this recommendation of Shelter, Inc.'s proposal.

Sincerely,



Gerard E. Sutherland
Executive Director

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Comm. from Gerard E. Sutherland, Exec. Director,
Catholic Charities Center, in support of Shelter,
Inc.'s efforts to use the Prospect St. Church
as a shelter facility.

In City Council,

August 5, 1985

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