



City of Cambridge  
Department of Human Service Programs  
51 Inman Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139, 498-9076

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager  
FROM: Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager  
DATE: December 22, 1988  
RE: Letter from Albert C. von Puell

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In response to the August 23, 1988, letter from Albert C. von Puell, Director and Coordinator of Shelter of '89, the City of Cambridge does have in place a winter plan for the shelter needs of homeless families and individuals. Utilizing Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) and Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare funds, the City contracts with the YMCA and the YWCA to provide emergency shelter beds. The City also provides some of the funding used by the CASPAR Emergency Service Center on Albany Street and by Shortstop for emergency services. Other shelters operating in Cambridge include the Cambridge Armory Shelter, the Battered Women's Shelter, First Church Shelter, University Lutheran Church Shelter and the program at the Salvation Army. If all beds in Cambridge are full, transportation is provided to a bed nearby at the Commonwealth Armory in Boston.

In addition to shelter beds, the City is able to provide housing search and other supportive services through the Multiservice Center for the Homeless, in an effort to find longer-term solutions for families and individuals facing homelessness. The City is committed to assuring overnight shelter for the homeless of Cambridge during the winter months.

DIVISIONS:

Childcare  
498-9076

Community Learning Center  
547-1589

Community & Youth  
498-9037/9072

Council on Aging/Elderly Services  
498-9039

Low Income Fuel Assistance  
498-9038

Planning & Development  
498-9076

Recreation  
498-9028



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January 9, 1989

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 11 regarding a communication from the Shelter '89 Campaign requesting new shelters for the homeless, I submit the attached report from the Department of Human Service Programs.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

Agenda Item No. 2 *S4/8*

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item 11  
on a comm. from the Shelter '89 Campaign re-  
questing new shelters for the homeless.

In City Council,

January 9, 1989

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