

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
City Hall Annex Inman & Broadway EXTENSION 344

To James L. Sullivan, City Manager

From David Vickery, Assistant City Manager
for Community Development

Date December 1, 1978

Subject

Preparation has begun for implementation of the East Cambridge Stabilization Program, the first phase being the development of a stabilization strategy which includes expenditure of the first \$250,000 consistent with the strategy. The strategy or program itself will be developed in cooperation with the residents and the East Cambridge Planning Team. The work plan, which is designed to achieve maximum input from the neighborhood, includes the following preliminary steps:

- ...A survey (attached) translated into Portuguese and Italian
- ...A series of neighborhood meetings called by the East Cambridge Planning Team - the first scheduled for Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 P. M. at the Kennedy School
- ...A promotional effort to provide notice of the survey and meetings. This effort will include distribution of a flyer from the planning team to all residents, handouts in all the neighborhood churches, notice at local clubs and functions, and notice in the Herald and Chronicle.

Dear Resident of East Cambridge:

The City of Cambridge in cooperation with the East Cambridge Planning Team will be spending \$3.5 million over the next several years on improvements to the East Cambridge Residential Neighborhood. The money will be spent at a rate of \$250,000 per year beginning July 1, 1979. The important feature of the program is that you, the residents of East Cambridge and your Planning Team will decide on what improvements the money will be spent.

Attached you will find a short questionnaire which will take only a few minutes to complete. We ask you to please answer all the questions and return the completed questionnaire in the attached, postage paid envelope as soon as possible, but no later than by Monday, December 11.

Considerable effort and expense has gone into this survey because we need your opinion. Remember, a few moments of your time will decide how East Cambridge can be improved and become more of the neighborhood you want.

Some of the improvements the money could be used for are:

- A. Improvements to Streets
- B. Improvements to Sidewalks
- C. Improved Street Lighting
- D. Tree Planting
- E. Park Improvements
- F. New Parks or Recreational Facilities
- G. Low Interest Home Improvement Loans or Grants
- H. Other Physical Neighborhood Improvements _____

1. Which one of the above improvements do you feel is the most important?
(circle one) A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
2. Which of the above improvements do you feel is the second most important?
(circle one) A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
3. Which of the above improvements do you feel is the third most important?
(circle one) A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
4. Which of the above improvements do you feel is least important?
(circle one) A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H

5. Streets:

There currently are a number of streets needing repair due to the sewer construction. Any street which has been damaged or opened because of sewer construction will be patched or repaved as part of the sewer project and we suggest that they not be included in the next two questions.

Do you feel there are streets in East Cambridge which you would like to see improved? Yes No (circle one)

If you answered yes, then write below those streets you would like to see improved:

1. _____ St. between _____ and _____ St.
2. _____ St. between _____ and _____ St.
3. _____ St. between _____ and _____ St.

6. Sidewalks:

Do you feel there are sidewalks in East Cambridge which you would like to see improved? Yes No (circle one)

If you answered yes, then write below those sidewalks you would like to see improved:

1. _____ St. between _____ and _____ St.
2. _____ St. between _____ and _____ St.
3. _____ St. between _____ and _____ St.

7. Trees:

Do you feel there should be more trees along the streets in East Cambridge?
Yes No (circle one)

If you answered yes, then write below those streets which you feel need more trees.

1. _____ Street
2. _____ Street
3. _____ Street

8. Street Lighting:

Do you feel there should be improved street lighting in areas of East Cambridge?
Yes No (circle one)

If you answered yes, then write below those streets which you feel need improved or better lighting.

1. _____ Street
2. _____ Street
3. _____ Street

9. Parks and Recreational Facilities:

Do you feel there are enough parks and recreational facilities in East Cambridge? Yes No (circle one)

Do you feel any of the three existing parks should be improved?

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| A. Costa Park (Lopez Ave.) | Yes | No | (circle one) |
| B. Ahern Field (Spring St.) | Yes | No | (circle one) |
| C. Gore Park (Gore St.) | Yes | No | (circle one) |

What kind of park improvements would you want? _____

10. Housing:

Do you feel the condition of housing in East Cambridge is: Excellent. Good.
Fair. Poor. (circle one)

Would you like to see low interest loans or grants be made available for existing East Cambridge residents for:

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| Home Improvements | Yes | No | (circle one) |
| Home Buying | Yes | No | (circle one) |

11. Other:

Do you feel there is a need for any other improvements or services in East Cambridge. Please write in your comments. _____

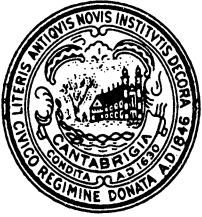
Thank you for completing this survey. Simply put it in the attached envelope and drop it in the mail. No postage is necessary. The results of the survey will be discussed at a neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, December 13 at the Kennedy School, 158 Spring Street, at 7:30 P.M. We ask you to please attend this meeting and offer any other suggestions you might have. It is you, the residents of East Cambridge along with your Planning Team, who will decide how to spend the neighborhood improvement funds.

If you would like to be on our mailing list for further information, please print your name and address.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ APT. # _____

If you have any questions call Pat Centanni or Alan Zimlicki at 864-2181 or 864-2182.



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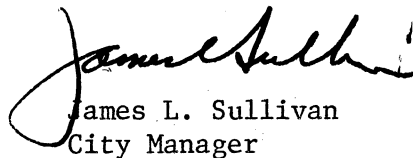
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

December 4, 1978

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed is a copy of a communication from David Vickery, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, relative to the implementation of the East Cambridge Stabilization Program. Also enclosed is a copy of a questionnaire which will be sent to residents of the East Cambridge area.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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RE: implementation of the East Cambridge
Stabilization Program.

In City Council,
December 4, 1978

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No Order Required
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