



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

DATE: June 10. 1988

TO: Robert W. Healy

FROM: Jill Herold *JH*

RE: Response to City Council Orders #2 of 12/7/87 and #5 and 1/11/88

In response to the awaiting report items referenced above, the Department of Human Services has convened a group of individuals to assess the current situation regarding the availability of lodging houses in Cambridge. The group includes representation from the Cambridge Housing Authority, the Community Development Department, CASCAP, ECHO, YWCA, and the YMCA. As a result of these meetings several steps have been taken.

Owners of lodging houses were invited to attend a forum at which a broad range of resources to assist landlords in the maintenance and upkeep of their properties was presented. The session was attended by more than 40 landlords.

Additionally, two specific vacant lodging houses have been identified and with assistance from the Department of Human Services and the Community Development Department, proposals have been submitted by the Cambridge Housing Authority, CASCAP and St. Paul's AME Church for funding to renovate and operate the two lodging houses.

Both the Department of Human Services and the Community Development Department will be continuing to work with the Housing Authority and private non-profit agencies to assist in the acquisition and operation of lodging houses on behalf of some of the City's most vulnerable residents.

DIVISIONS:

Childcare
498-9076

Community Learning Center
547-1589

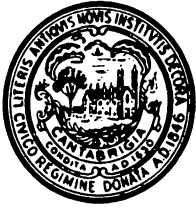
Community & Youth
498-9037/9072

Council on Aging/Elderly Services
498-9039

Low Income Fuel Assistance
498-9038

Planning & Development
498-9076

Recreation
498-9028



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June 13, 1988

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Reports No. 2 and No. 5 regarding the acquisition of rooming houses, I submit the attached report from the Human Services Department.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over the typed name and title.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Agenda Item No. 10 *S-418*

Re: response to Awaiting Report Items 2 & 5
on the acquisition of rooming houses.

In City Council,

June 13, 1988

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Placed on file.