



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JAMES L. SULLIVAN  
City Manager

June 3, 1974

To the Honorable, the City Council:

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4.	Norman Watson	10/22/76
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My review of the problems facing the Authority clearly indicates the need for reform of their activities and a need for closer cooperation with the City Government and with the State and Federal Agencies to improve conditions in the many Housing Projects in the City.

The General Laws of the Commonwealth, Chapter 121B, Section 5, require that a Labor Representative serve as a member of the Housing Authority. There is at the present time no representative of organized labor as an official representative on the Board. It is therefore my intention to appoint in accordance with the statute a representative of organized labor to this office for the current expired term.

In addition the General Laws of the Commonwealth permit the appointment to the Housing Authority of a Tenant and I am firmly committed to such an appointment for I feel that resident input is important to the deliberations of the Housing Authority.

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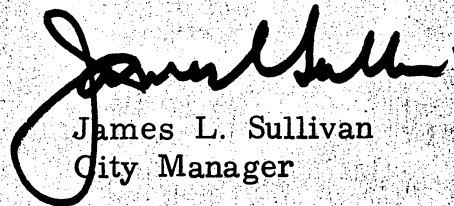
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In the near future I shall appoint a citizen advisory panel that has representation from the Tenant Senate, the various human service agencies, the Welfare Department, as well as a small group of representative citizens who can constructively advise this office in the selection process. Their task will be to screen tenant candidates for the Housing Authority for the position whose term expires this October.

I am sure that the members of the City Council are aware of the need for reform in the conduct of Housing Authority affairs and it is my belief that the procedures outlined above will insure the accomplishment of this purpose within the framework of the law and with the involvement of the Community.

Very truly yours,



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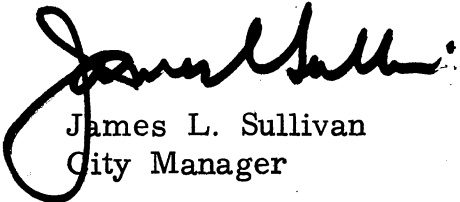
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Communication from City Manager  
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