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Chapter 807 of the Acts of 1975

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Chairman of the Housing Authority (if one exists)
Chairman of the Redevelopment Authority (if one exists)
Chairman of the Department of Public Health (if one exists)
City or Town Planner (if one exists)
At least five (5) residents of the municipality, appointed by the Chief Executive, to be representative of "disparate social, economic, and environmental interests"

NOTE: Alternatively, any city or town may design its own guidelines for the establishment of its Local Growth Policy Committee, provided that those guidelines are approved by the Office of State Planning.

Role:

To develop a Local Growth Policy Statement; to hold hearings in the process of developing that Statement; to review and comment on the "statements" and "reports" developed by the other participants of the Act; and, as desired, to propose revisions, etc. to local bylaws or ordinances in order to promote the objectives of the Statement.

Regional Planning Agency (created pursuant to Chapter 40B of the General Laws or by Special Act):

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"Citizens" (Any governmental unit, elected official, person, or group of persons):

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To file, at any point in the process, as warranted, a "citizen comment" of concurrence with or dissent from a Statement or Report, to be filed with the Local Growth Policy Committee, the relevant Regional Planning Agency, and the Office of State Planning. (NOTE: The purpose of this provision is to ensure that minority views are not submersed in the process of preparing Statements and/or Reports, but instead become an integral part of those documents and the process of preparing them.)

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Role:

To oversee the implementation of this Act (which was developed and submitted by them to the General Court); and to prepare a report, to be submitted to the General Court and to the Governor, specifying recommendations (legislative and/or administrative) developed to reflect, to the maximum extent possible, the responses of the participants of the Act.

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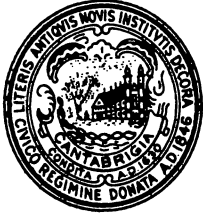
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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

March 29, 1976

To the Honorable, the City Council:

As you may be aware, Massachusetts has enacted the "Growth Policy Development Act", which invites each of the 351 municipalities of the Commonwealth to participate in the formulation of a comprehensive growth policy for Massachusetts. Attached is an abstract of the key provisions of the act.

In accordance with these provisions, I have appointed the following citizen representatives and ex officio representatives to the Growth Committee:

Maurice Lesses	18 Gray Street	Neigh.	9
Dan Leclerc	122 Aberdeen Ave.		13
Bob LeBlanc	28 Magoun Street		11
Charles Nowiszewski	114 Spring Street		1
Juanita Saunders	808 Memorial Drive		7
Gail Munson	302 Brookline Street		5
Frank Pedro	210 Harvard Street		4
Vincent Lampedecchio	32 Berkshire Street		3
Jane Richards	76 Antrim Street		6
Mary Preston	60 Raymond Street		9
Peter Asjin	Vappi Const. Co. 240 Sidney Street	Chamber of Commerce	
Donna Berman	77 Massachusetts Ave.	Rep. Harvard & MIT	

The following ex-officio members:

Alfred Cohn	79 Raymond Street	Planning Board
Jim Stockard	141 Oxford Street	Housing Authority
Bob Neilly	100 Memorial Drive	Historical Commission
Jerry Cole	177 Magazine Street	Redevelopment Auth.
Dorothy Altman	43 Gibson Street	Conservation Comm.
Les MacLeod	1495 Cambridge St.	Health & Hospitals
James Farrell	57 Inman Street	Community Dev.

Members of the Planning Board, serving on a rotating basis, will chair the committee.

The process as envisioned by the Planning Board will involve:

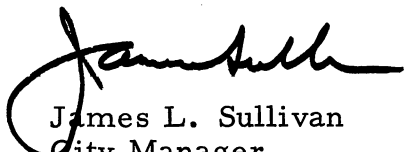
1. Completion of the State's questionnaire on past and future growth impacts;

2. An analysis of the impact of state programs on the physical and fiscal development of Cambridge.

A minimum of two public hearings will be held by the Committee in order to elicit a broader scope of citizen views. The Committee's work will terminate by July 15 th, so that Cambridge's response can be integrated with those from other cities and towns.

The initial meeting of the Committee will be held in early April. I will keep you informed of the committee's progress. You will be informed concerning future meeting dates of the committee so that you may participate if you desire.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
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Re: to the establishment of a Growth Policy
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setts Growth Policy Development Act.

In City Council,
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