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CENTRAL SQUARE MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members of the City Council,

I write this letter as President of the Central Square Ministers' Association in order to express the support of our organization of Sheltar Incorporated's application for a zoning change in order to convert the Prospect Congregational Church building at 95 Prospect St. into a sheltar for the homeless.

As we are well aware, the situation of the homeless in Cambridge gets worse instead of better. It is a sign of hope for people in difficulty to know that a new sheltar of the type that is planned for Sheltar Inc.'s next project has now a chance of becoming a reality. What is particularly encouraging is that not only will the new facility provide temporary sheltar for people but that it will help these people to find a permanent home through counselling and through her contacts and working with other agencies.

We feel that Sheltar Inc. has shown much sensitivity to the local neighborhood by the strict rules that it lays down for those who make use of her facilities. Also she seeks input from the neighborhood in all her decisions that may affect the people living there.

We recognize that people in the neighborhood may not want to have people who are transient going back and forth but strangers go up and down all our streets continually. Besides soon after the facility has been in operation the chronically homeless who do not try to help themselves will come to realize that it is not a place for them and only those who truly need help and are conscientious people will find their way there.

We are in favor of a zoning change that will make it possible to establish this facility in our midst.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Albert H. Stankard".

Rev. Albert H. Stankard

President

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Comm. from Reverend Albert H. Stankard, Pres.,
Central Square Ministers' Assoc., in support
of Shelter Inc.'s application for a zoning
change in order to convert the Prospect Congre-
gational Church into a shelter for the home-
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In City Council,

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