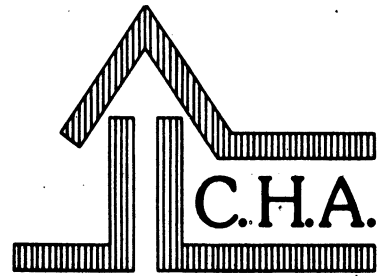


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August 1, 1980

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: City Council Order #12 of
June 30, 1980

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

You have asked that the Cambridge Housing Authority attempt to assist in the matter of security for the elderly residents of 1221 Cambridge Street as this is a problem which the above-referenced City Council Order sought to correct.

The Council Order speaks in terms of the provision of CETA positions at this location for the purpose of providing security. There appear to be several impediments to such an approach:

1. This development is not a Cambridge Housing Authority Development, but rather is owned and operated by for-profit corporations.
2. Although there are a number of Cambridge Housing Authority tenants in the building, by way of the Leased Housing Program, their number is significantly less than the majority.
3. It is my understanding that this development is not exclusively elderly, but that at least the first three floors are family housing for mixed-income residents.

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Dated: August 1, 1980

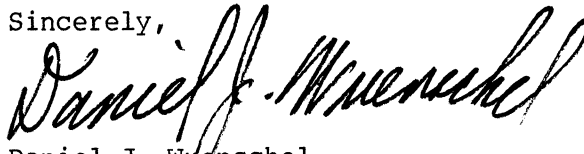
4. It is my understanding that the CETA Program is experiencing such severe cutbacks that the various work placement agencies are losing substantial numbers of CETA's currently. I know this to certainly be the case with the C.H.A. where, as a result, our own Elderly Security Program in so far as its CETA component is concerned is seriously jeopardized.

To be of some assistance, however, I would be happy to meet with the appropriate representatives mentioned in the Council Order, to advise them and assist them in setting up an elderly volunteer program similar to that currently in operation at the C.H.A. elderly developments. As you know, approximately 100 elderly residents of Cambridge Public Housing currently participate as Security Observers in return for which they receive a modest stipend. These folks have been well trained by the Cambridge Police Department and have proven to be, in our opinion, a significant deterrent to breaches of security at their respective developments.

Accordingly, I will contact the above-mentioned persons, along with Joseph Daly of the C.H.A. staff to offer this assistance.

If I can provide any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Wuenschel
Executive Director

DJW/mbh

cc: Joseph Daly



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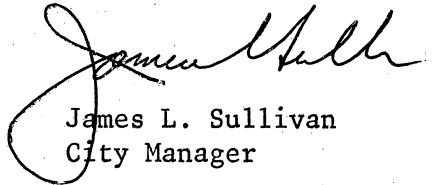
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

September 8, 1980

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to City Council Order No. 12 of June 30, 1980,
enclosed please find copy of a communication from Daniel J. Wuenschel,
Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority, relative to
security for the elderly residents of 1221 Cambridge Street.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

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Response to City Council Order Number
Twelve of June 30, 1980, relative to
security at 1221 Cambridge Street.

In City Council,

Sept. 8, 1980

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