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THE HONORABLE BARBARA ACKERMAN  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
CAMBRIDGE CITY HALL  
795 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

DEAR MAYOR ACKERMAN:

AS YOU ARE AWARE, IN 1972 GOVERNOR SARGENT AND THE LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHED THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN AS A DEPARTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES. THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN IS TO COORDINATE EXISTING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TO DOCUMENT THE NEED FOR NEW SERVICES. THE OFFICE INTENDS TO BECOME A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL SERVICES TO ALL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, OUR ROLE IS TO WORK WITH CITIZENS CONCERNED WITH AND PARTICIPATING IN CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO COORDINATE SERVICES PRESENTLY AVAILABLE THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WELFARE, YOUTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE MASSACHUSETTS REHABILITATION COMMISSION. IN CAMBRIDGE, I UNDERSTAND THAT CONCERNED CITIZENS HAVE VOTED TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN WHICH WOULD HAVE AS ITS PRIMARY FUNCTIONS THE ADVOCACY OF IMPROVED AND COORDINATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN SUCH AREAS AS FUND-RAISING AND PROGRAM DESIGN FOR AGENCIES OR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS WISHING TO START NEW PROGRAMS.

CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS AT A PUBLIC MEETING HAVE ESTABLISHED AN AD HOC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WHICH IS WORKING TO FORM A LOCAL COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN IN CAMBRIDGE. THE AD HOC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HAS ELECTED THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AS ITS CO-CHAIRPEOPLE:

MRS. DOROTHY LEE  
2 WOODROW WILSON COURT  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS  
02139

MR. PETER SNOW  
116 UPLAND ROAD  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

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THE HONORABLE BARBARA BOKERMAN  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
CAMPBELL STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02142

DEAR MAYOR BOKERMAN:

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A LOCAL COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN IN CAMBRIDGE. THE AD HOC ORGANIZING  
COMMITTEE HAS ALSO SET THE FOLLOWING GOALS AS ITS GO-CHARITABLE

MR. FREDERICK SHAW  
100 DELANEY ROAD  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

MRS. GORDON LEE  
25 BROADWAY WILSON COURT  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS



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Comm. from David S. Liederman to the City Council relative to the organization of an Organizing Committee formed with the purpose establishing Local Council for Children in Cambridge.

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In City Council,

May 7, 1973

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