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TO: The Honorable, the City Council

FROM: Sheila Doyle Russell  
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Robert W. Healy  
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RE: Welfare Reform Task Force

DATE: October 15, 1997

On June 16, 1997, the City Council requested that the City Manager and Mayor jointly appoint a new task force on welfare reform. Please be advised that this task force has been appointed. We are very pleased to have participation from many segments of Cambridge on the recently-formed Cambridge Welfare Reform Task Force chaired by Councillor Frank Duehay. Among the areas represented are residents, service consumers, community and municipal human service providers, the School Department, higher education, employment and training, labor unions, legal assistance, health and housing. Our listing of appointments is as follows:

Dr. Randy Albelda  
University of Massachusetts -  
Boston

Leslee Klein  
Community Legal Services &  
Counseling Center

Jeffrey Beard  
Men of Color Task Force

Henry Korman  
Cambridge & Somerville Legal  
Services

Tom Belski  
Employment Resources, Inc.

Jeb Mayes  
Service Employees  
International Union

Steven Brion-Meisels  
Cambridge School Department

Gail Nordmoe  
Cambridge School Department

Carolyn Dallas  
Margaret Fuller House

Cheryl-Ann Pizza-Zeoli  
Resident

Elaine DeRosa  
Cambridge Economic Opportunity  
Committee

John Pratt  
Whitehead Institute and  
Human Services Commission

Patricia Glynn  
AFSCME

Jean Robert Richard  
Haitian American Cultural  
Center

Susan Golden  
Cambridge Community Services

Marta Rosa  
Child Care Resource Center

Mark Rukavina  
Somerville Community Health  
Partnership

Steven Swanger  
Cambridge Housing Authority

Nancy Ryan  
Cambridge Women's Commission

Pamela Thomure  
Cambridge Democratic City  
Committee

Sylvia Saavedra-Keber  
Concilio Hispano

Cheryl Wold  
Cambridge Public Health Dept.

E. Denise Simmons  
Cambridge School Committee

Diane Younker  
Department of Transitional  
Assistance

Jill Herold  
Department of Human Service  
Programs

In addition, the following Department of Human Service Programs staff are providing assistance to the Task Force: Stephanie Ackert and Susan Mintz, Planning & Development; Eileen Ginnetty and Susan Pacheco, Council on Aging; Mina Reddy, Community Learning Center; Jack Mills, Office of Workforce Development and Alfredo Ribot, Multi-Service Center.

A high level of interest and energy was evident at the two meetings of the full Welfare Reform Task Force to date. At the August meeting, members introduced themselves, elucidated their particular interests in welfare reform and heard State and federal legislative updates from staff. At the September meeting, the Task Force agreed to divide up into the following four working groups:

- Legislative & Administrative Advocacy and Community Outreach/Education
- Education, Training and Employment & Childcare
- Health Care
- Impact Assessment

Individuals outside the Task Force will be invited to participate in relevant working groups.

Each of the working groups has scheduled one or more meetings for October, and the full Task Force will meet again on November 18. We will keep you informed of the Task Force's actions and recommendations.

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List of the newly appointed members of  
Welfare Reform Task Force.

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