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The Honorable, the City Council  
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Dear Councillors:

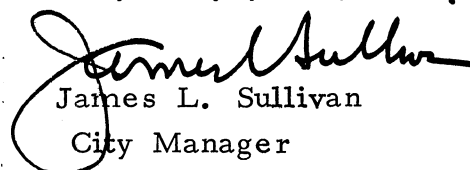
SUBJECT: Comprehensive Planning

The Comprehensive Planning staff of the Department of Community Development is now well into the process of establishing on-going neighborhood meetings. Initial meetings are structured around giving residents an opportunity to express what they consider to be major issues, and concerns in both their neighborhood and the City as a whole. From this base residents will generate positions on issues and policy alternatives, which, with input from other interest groups, will be ultimately meshed into a comprehensive city-wide policy plan.

The information the Community Development Department has received from these meetings is, of course, invaluable to the comprehensive planning effort. Similarly, I feel this citizen feedback could prove interesting and useful to the members of your Honorable Body, as well as other City officials. Thus we will begin shortly to send summaries of these meetings to City Councillors. In the future other relevant comprehensive planning materials will be forwarded to you.

Ultimately, of course, any successful comprehensive planning process will depend on the active involvement of the City Council, which, in the final analysis, must approve projects and programs necessary to implement comprehensive planning policies. I would encourage you to attend and participate in any of the neighborhood meetings and work sessions which might interest you. Further, several months hence a city-wide advisory group will be established to work with the Planning Board in the process of developing a comprehensive policy plan for the city as a whole; your involvement in this stage of the comprehensive planning effort will be critical.

Very truly yours,

  
James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

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