

"CAMBRIDGE HOMELESS ASSOCIATION"

To: City Clerk of The City of Cambridge,
Cambridge City Hall, 509 Mass Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139
For: Communication to all City Councillors, City Manager.
(& also to all City Agencies) May 18th of 1987

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"OPEN LETTER TO THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCILLORS & CITY MANAGER"
(Also a joint appeal to all members of Rent Control Board,
Zoning Board, Community Development, CHA, Human Services &
& Other City, Public, Private, Churches & Humanitarian Agencies.

Dear City Councillors,

Mr. City Manager,

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Dear People of Cambridge & Its Other Representatives (Above),

CAMBRIDGE HOMELESS DEMAND JUSTICE NOW !:
THEY ASK FOR A MINIMUM OF \$4 MILLION PER YEAR PLUS \$1 MILLION
RETROACTIVE FROM LAST YEAR TO BE ALLOCATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

This is what we intended to ask you at last May 4th
Cambridge City Council' Hearings but we were wrote off from
the Agenda, ignored or cover up (Your own Cambridgegate?).

So, first we demand an investigation, at least by the
local media to begin with it, to know what happened THE
DAY AFTER of May 1rst we marched to Cambridge City Hall that
morning to demand to be heard (but we were told the Mayor
was out of town) and we stayed and sleepe in the steps of
City Hall with our flags, banners, sleeping sheets signs at-
tached to the entry and surrounding plants & shrubs of C. Hall

Second and the main purpose of this communication is
to ask a minimum of 4 million dollars annually to be alloca-
ted in the City Budget for homeless services and housing re-
location. This is about the same per capita allocation for
the Homeless of Washington, D.C. (for each amount & size of
Cambridge 100,000 population), a city whose homeless aduvsase
had lobbied at least this ongoing amount, not so much really,
but we do intend to follow their successful demands & example
(They have a total of \$30 million homeless budget per year).

Thirrd, we ask the retroactive passage of the \$900,000 request -over 1 million dollars by now with interest- that was ask to City Council last January by Councillor Walsh to be allocated for building of a homeless shelter, but wasn't pass by the City Council vote.

Sincerely Yours,



Stewart Sherman,
Cambridge Homeless Association,
c/o Friends of the Homeless,
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Comm. from Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk,
transmitting an open letter to the Council
& City Manager from Stewart Sherman, Cam-
bridge Homeless Association Re: their May 1st
march on City Hall & requesting that a mini-
mum of \$4 million be allocated annually in
the City budget for homeless services & housing
relocation.

In City Council,

June 1st, 1987

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