



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Mayor Duehay

Date February 27, 1981

From Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

Reference

Subject

City Council Order Number 12 of February 23, 1981

Enclosed you will find a copy of an order adopted by the City Council on February 23, 1981 regarding the Lechmere Triangle Area of East Cambridge.

Would you kindly inform us of any further distribution on this order.

City of Cambridge

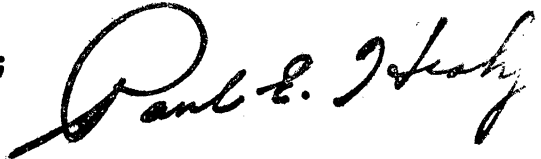
In City Council February 23, 1981.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy", written over the printed name "Paul E. Healy, City Clerk." and the word "ATTEST:-".



City of Cambridge

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Mayor Francis H. Duehay

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 23, 1981

Resolution

WHEREAS, for the last four years the City of Cambridge has been planning, designing and implementing a large scale revitalization of the Lechmere Triangle Area of East Cambridge; and

WHEREAS, the East Cambridge Lechmere area is a valuable and well located area with a good regional transportation system, good mass transportation system, riverfront location, and a few strong businesses; and

WHEREAS, despite these good locational and service elements, the Lechmere area was open, blighted and declining with six vacant buildings consisting of over 700,000 square feet of unused space and over 20 acres of vacant and underutilized land; and

WHEREAS, the City addressed this great loss of jobs, revenues and urban blight with a major urban design plan and worked with the neighborhood, existing businesses and land owners to adopt this redevelopment plan and applied for an Urban Development Action Grant to address these large scale development needs; and

WHEREAS, the City received a 6.8 million dollar Urban Development Action Grant which has served as a foundation for land acquisition funds with the Massachusetts Government Land Bank, park acquisition funds from the State Urban Self-Help Program, roadway reconstruction funds from the Mass. DPW and Land and Water Conservation funds and has generated private development projects either in construction or design which includes office construction and renovation of 1.5 million square feet; retail construction of over 700,000 square feet; hotel and housing development and a community arts facility all of which represents over 300 million dollars of construction activity; and

WHEREAS, other areas of the City such as the Alewife development area and the Cambridgeport area will need similar public improvements and Urban Development Action Grant funding;

NOW, THEREFORE:

The Cambridge City Council resolves that the Urban Development Action Grant program is a critical element of the City's development capacity and that the UDAG program funding should not be decreased by Congress but should be increased to allow Cambridge and other cities to realize development potential, increase the tax base and provide needed job opportunities.

Order # 12

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M. Duehay re: Lechmere Triangle Area in
East Cambridge.

In City Council,

February 23, 1981

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Resolution Approved
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to Congress -