



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Arthur Parris, Chairman, Planning Board
Kathy Spiegelman, Asst. City Manager for
Community Development

Date January 12, 1984

From Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

Reference

Subject The implications of S-680, a Bill relative to
local control over zoning

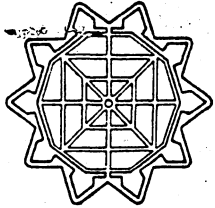
Enclosed you will find a copy of a communication received by the City Council at its meeting of Monday, January 9, 1984 from James W. Segel, Executive Director of the Mass. Municipal Association, expressing his concern over the above referenced item.

The City Council at this meeting moved to refer said communication to the City Manager, Planning Board and Community Development Department for report with regard to this Bill.

Your very kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the City Council.

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Enclosure



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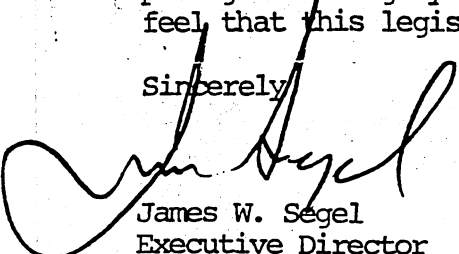
Dear Local Official,

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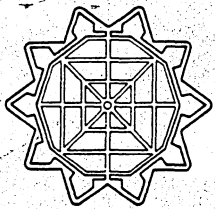
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It would be helpful for you to discuss this matter as soon as possible with your planning board or planning director and assess the effect on your community of such a change. The legislature is expected to return to work on December 27th and the possibility exists that they could take this bill up for its final passage. We urge you to contact your Senator by telephone immediately if you feel that this legislation would adversely affect your community.

Sincerely,


James W. Segel
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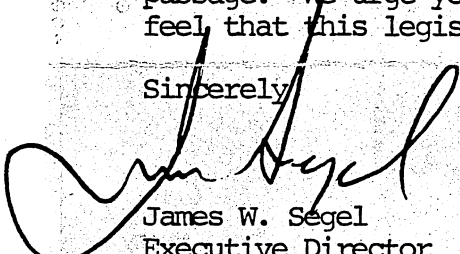
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Comm. from James W. Segel, Executive Director, Mass. Municipal Association Re: the implications of S-681, a bill relative to zoning which has been passed by both the Mass. Senate & House of Representatives.

*copies of this communication with forwarding letter sent to Comm. Planning Board + Community Development
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In City Council,

January 9, 1984

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Report to the Comm.

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*Planning Board -
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