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OFFICE OF
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July 2, 1981

Mr. Wallace Mills
House Clerk
Massachusetts House of Representatives
Room 145
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Mills:

Pursuant to the request of the Cambridge City Council, I am enclosing the original order adopted by the City Council and the attached home rule petition supporting same entitled AN ACT TO PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY AT 138-166 CHERRY STREET, CAMBRIDGE, WHICH WAS TAKEN BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES ON MARCH 26, 1979, FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING BY A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY CORPORATION for filing for action by the House of Representatives.

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

Very truly yours,

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PEH/dl

Enc. Original legislation and order adopted.

c.c. Representative Flaherty
Representative Graham
Representative Lombardi
Senator Bachrach
Pat Matsumaya

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
in General Court assembled.

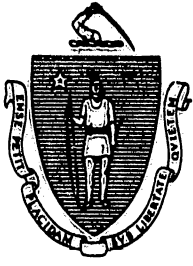
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Agnese Vallini
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48 Porter St Cambridge
189 Western Ave Cambridge
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Mr. Thomas W. Danehy			✓	
Ms. Sandra Graham	✓			
Mr. Leonard J. Russell			✓	
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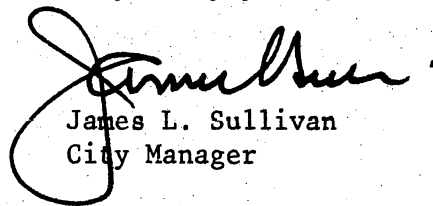
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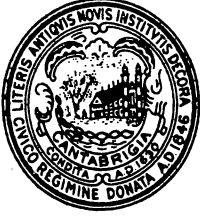
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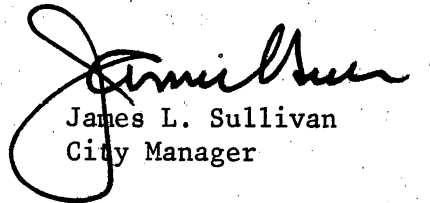
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6/29/81

MD/ order Adopted

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Sent to House Clerk &
Rep & Sen 7/2/81 (20)