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The City Council of Cambridge
c/o Mayor Walter Sullivan
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council:

Last Wednesday, Mr. James Stockard and Mr. William Perkins, Housing Specialists in the Community Development Section of the Office of the City Manager presented to the Harvard Square Ministers a summary of Homes for People, Progress - Report # 1. We were impressed, indeed.

They indicated to us the immediacy of the plan involving the use of publicly owned sites for building low income and retirement housing.

We wish to applaud the report and the study and work it indicates. With you, we acknowledge the critical need in Cambridge for housing in both these categories, and the prospect of getting these projects involving 250 units built in the immediate future.

Our response to Mr. Perkins' and Mr. Stockard's presentation was unanimously enthusiastic, and so we write to speak of our recognition of the need, our sense that this program is sound, and to offer both encouragement and our personal and collective help in "developing the moral climate", or helping to alleviate the natural defenses that might arise in the face of this plan.

We all recognize the need for housing. That it is possible to begin to meet the need with attractive, well-located housing in moderate size groupings, and that it is possible to do it rapidly with the cooperation of our city government and the citizens of Cambridge, encourages us very much.

We, therefore, extend our support and our warm personal good wishes.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Grogan
Wells B. Grogan, Convener

The Ministers of Harvard Square Churches

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Communication from the First Church in
Cambridge, Congregational applauding the
Homes for People, Progress-Report #1
submitted by the Community Development
Section of the office of the City Manager

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