

CAMBRIDGE



**HOTLINE**  
daily 10 a.m. - 2 a.m.

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Cambridge hotline

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Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

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VICKI BAKER, Director

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February 25, 1975

City Council  
Cambridge City Hall  
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Councilpeople:

I am writing you to urge that you give serious consideration to the continued existence of Cambridgeport Problem Center. As Director of the Cambridge Hotline I can say that Cambridgeport offers a service that is unique and necessary in Cambridge. They are the only counseling group that offers free services to anyone in the community. At the Hotline we use Cambridgeport as a referral for emotional counseling almost every day. Most of our callers are in the low-income bracket and are not able to pay psychiatric fees. Cambridgeport Problem Center meets the needs of this segment of the Cambridge population.

Not only does Cambridgeport offer free emotional counseling, but also provides free legal service. One of their most widely used services is free legal consultation over the phone. Many times people call the Hotline and ask for legal advice. We are unable to help them, but refer them to Cambridgeport. The volunteer lawyers often go to court to represent their clients free of charge.

Cambridgeport Problem Center is essentially a volunteer organization offering an enormous amount of professional-caliber service for a very small price. The cost effectiveness of such a place is quite high, especially when compared to mental health centers that have a large paid staff.

I can speak for the sixty people we have working on the Hotline when I say that the closing of Cambridgeport Problem Center will be a great disservice to the residents of Cambridge. I urge you to move to provide the financial support needed to continue this program.

Sincerely,

*Vicki Baker*

cc: Mel Barton

Vicki Baker  
Director

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Revised to the  
City Manager -  
with request for  
report next Monday  
March 10, 1975  
on to possibility  
of rescinding  
appropriations  
for this purpose



# City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
March 3, 1975

Councillor Clinton

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A true copy,

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C. Clinton re: continuing the Cambridge  
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