

WELLINGTON-HARRINGTON CITIZENS COMMITTEE
32 WEBSTER AVENUE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

October 15, 1975

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City Manager's Office
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

The Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee would like to congratulate the City of Cambridge for the fine work done this past summer in the Wellington-Harrington community by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority's Just-A-Start Program. As you know, it was the City's support of the Wellington-Harrington Program out of Block Grant funding and the CRA's successful efforts to secure advance H.U.D. funds for the summer from the Wellington-Harrington budget that made the Just-A-Start program possible at all.

We thought you would be interested in the following results which indicate the effectiveness of the program's summer phase and its ability to aggregate supplementary resources:

122 Cambridge youth were given summer employment, and an additional 39 youth were sponsored by suburban churches or volunteered.

Outside rehabilitation services were provided on 32 homes or apartments.

37 landscaping/beautification projects were completed on private homes, playgrounds, and other public areas.

Recreation staffing and programs were offered on five neighborhood sites.



47 boys and girls sports teams were organized
1539 hours of volunteer labor were generated.

Over \$48,800 in supplementary funds were aggregated into the program, including \$16,151 in education and training funds, \$28,300 in private and charitable contributions, and \$4,417 in in-kind contributions of materials and supplies.

This last item is particularly impressive, since it represents almost \$1.00 of non-City resources drawn into the program for every \$2.00 of City funds. We think this further illustrates that Just-A-Start is the City's most successful example of public, private, and self-help resources combined to provide direct assistance to a community.

We congratulate you again on your foresight in funding this much-needed program.

Sincerely,



James Bentubo
Chairman

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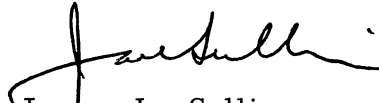
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

October 20, 1975

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith a self-explanatory communication from the Wellington-Harrington Citizens Committee relative to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority's Just-A-Start Program.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

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Re: Cambridge Redevelopment Authority's
Just-A-Start Program

In City Council,

Oct. 20, 1975

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