



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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To James L. Sullivan, City Manager
From David R. Vickery, Assistant City Manager **Date** February 21, 1979
for Community Development
Subject Putnam School

In response to the City Council Order of January 22, 1979 requesting a progress report on the future of the Putnam School, please be advised that the following steps have been taken with respect to the rehabilitation of the structure to elderly/handicapped housing sponsored by the Cambridge Housing Authority.

- 1) The Department of Community Affairs has allocated funds for the development of 80 units of elderly/handicapped housing in Cambridge to the Cambridge Housing Authority. The Authority is interested in developing 28 units at the Putnam School site, through rehabilitation of the existing structure.
- 2) The Cambridge Housing Authority has contracted with Monacelli Associates of Cambridge to draw-up a concept sketch and cost analysis for the Putnam School.
- 3) The Cambridge Housing Authority has written to the East Cambridge Planning Team requesting an opportunity to present their development plans to the East Cambridge community.
- 4) The Authority will apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a zoning variance which would allow an increase of 4 units over the 24 units currently allowed (for a total of 28 units) and would also provide for an exemption from the parking requirements. Due to space restrictions, there will be no parking provisions under the Authority's plan.

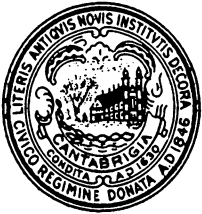
The Authority hopes to receive final approval from the Department of Community Affairs to begin final working drawings for the site by June 1, 1979. From that point, the CHA projects that it will be prepared to open construction bids by mid-December 1979.

The Cambridge Housing Authority is most interested in converting the Putnam School into elderly/handicapped housing as quickly as is feasible.

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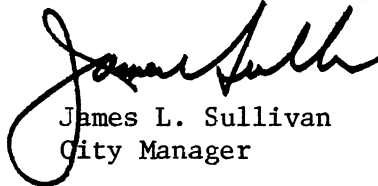
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

February 26, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 10 relative to the future use of the Putnam School, enclosed please find copy of a report from David R. Vickery, Assistant City Manager for Community Development.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

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Response to Awaiting Report No. 10 re: future
use of the Putnam School.

In City Council,

February 26, 1979

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