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Executive Director

September 4, 1985

Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Ma 02139

Dear Councilor:

In light of the fact that no new community residence has been established in the City of Cambridge since 1980 despite increasing numbers of homeless persons and others who depend upon community residences for housing, and of the recent denial by the Board of Zoning Appeal for a variance to permit use of the Prospect Street Congregational Church as a transitional shelter for twenty persons, we are writing to request that the City Council introduce and adopt a resolution ordering the Community Development Department to review the current Zoning Code as it pertains to community residences, and to review the current need for community residences, and to recommend appropriate actions to the City Council.

We make this request on behalf of the homeless of the City of Cambridge, and the many residents and representatives of Cambridge organizations who testified in support of the use of the Prospect Street Church before the Board of Zoning Appeal.

Sincerely,

David F. Whitty
Executive Director

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Communication received from David F. Whitty,
Executive Director, Shelter, Inc., requesting
the City Council adopt an order requesting the
Community Development Department to review the
Zoning Ordinances as it pertains to Community
Residences and to review the current need for
Community Residence.

In City Council,
September 9, 1985

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Referred to the
City Manager and
Community Development

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