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CAMBRIDGE, MASS:

January 24, 1985

Arthur Parris, Chair
Planning Board
City of Cambridge
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Special Permit Application - 11 Woodbridge Street

Dear Mr. Parris:

On behalf of my client the Organization for Elder Cooperative Housing Options, Inc. (OECHO), I am submitting the attached special permit application. Granting the special permits requested will permit OECHO to put six cooperative units for Cambridge elders into service.

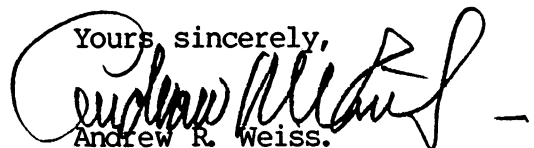
OECHO has a proven track-record in managing cooperative units for the elderly. It is a co-sponsor, with the Cambridge Housing Authority, of elderly congregate apartments in the former Putnam School in East Cambridge, and has developed other elderly congregate housing in Cambridgeport.

When OECHO purchased the former nursing home at 11 Woodbridge Street in 1981, it did so in part with money lent to it by the City of Cambridge. The Cambridge City Council recognized the need for decent housing alternatives for Cambridge's elderly residents, and recognized OECHO's unique commitment and abilities in providing that type of housing. On the basis of OECHO's intended use of the property for elderly congregate housing, the City Assessors granted a real estate tax exemption on the property in March, 1982. And the North Cambridge Stabilization Committee has gone on record in support of OECHO's plan to use the Woodbridge Street property for elderly congregate housing. See attached letter.

Many of the special permit requests are for variances granted the former nursing home owners of the property, which have lapsed due to lack of continuing use.

We are confident that the Planning Board will grant OECHO's special permit requests and allow this needed project to go forward. If you or any other members of the Board have any questions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,


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January 18, 1985

To Whom It May Concern:

The North Cambridge Stabilization Committee would like to go on record in support of The Organization For Elders Cooperative Housing Options Inc. (OECHO) program for the congregate housing proposal of 11 Woodbridge Street.

This program will provide a service to Cambridge elders to be able to live and work interdependently to handle daily living task enabling them to retain active interest in their lives and remain involved in the community.

Sincerely,

Elaine C. Thorne

Elaine C. Thorne, for the
North Cambridge Stabilization Committee

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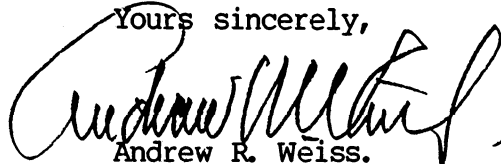
RE: Special permit application - 11 Woodbridge Street

Dear City Clerk:

Please find enclosed a copy of Organization for Elder Cooperative Housing Options' application for special permit variances on its property at 11 Woodbridge Street. Three copies have been sent to the Planning Board.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew R. Weiss.

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Comm. from Andrew R. Weiss, Esq., RE: the Elder Cooperative Housing Options' application for a special permit variance on its property at 11 Woodbridge St.

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In City Council,

January 28, 1985

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