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Total	\$109,600

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 Adopted by yeas and nays Vote  
 Yeas 8 Nays 0 Absent 0 Present 1  
Paul E. Leahy  
 CITY CLERK City Clerk

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	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mrs. Ackermann	✓			
Mr. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Danehy	✓			✓
Mr. Duhay	✓			
Mrs. Graham	✓			
Mr. Russell	✓			
Mr. Vellucci	✓			
Mr. Wylie	✓			
Mayor Sullivan	✓			
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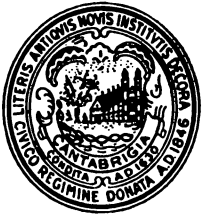
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JOHN H. CORCORAN  
City Manager  
JAMES L. FARRELL  
Assistant City Manager

March 25, 1974

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In the preparation and adoption of the budget for the Planning and Development Department for the Fiscal Year 1973-74 I recommended sufficient funds to continue approximately two-thirds of the then existing staff providing that anticipated Federal Funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Comprehensive Development Program or from the Department of Transportation were received during the budget year, as well as State funds for reimbursement under the LEAA program.

During the first twelve months of the fiscal year, staff size was reduced from thirty-five to twenty-four persons, a reduction of thirty per cent. As of this date it appears that the Federal funds which were at that point in time anticipated will not become available prior to June 30, 1974. The anticipated LEAA funds were received, but under law were placed in the City's General Fund at the end of the fiscal year, and thus were unavailable to the Planning and Development Department.

As you know, over the past four years of my administration I have consistently taken appropriate action leading to the coordination and consolidation of departmental functions relating to the area of Housing and Community Development. It has been my continuing belief that Cambridge shall best achieve economic and social stability if an atmosphere of community spirit and purpose is developed. This, in turn, can be accomplished if planning, housing and community development responsibilities are fulfilled conjunctively. Cambridge has suffered too long from the proliferation of agencies and authorities within the structure of its government. Within the last year this administration, for the first time, committed itself to resolving this problem and to the development of a viable comprehensive planning and development program which is reflective of the goals and objectives of the City of Cambridge, and which is reflective of the legitimate interests and concerns of all interests in our community.

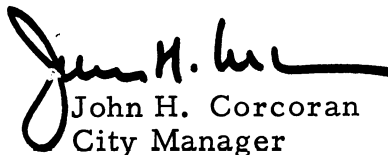
Accordingly, after merging the Planning Department and Community Development Office early in my administration, I have more recently merged the Model Cities Administration and realigned them with the Planning and Development Department, and have vested responsibility for this on-going development of housing and community development activities in the Assistant City Manager. Similarly, through an

exchange of letters between the City Manager and the Chairman of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority Board, we have provided for the further consolidation of this community development staff through the placement of Authority personnel under the Assistant City Manager for purposes of addressing the Kendall Square Project as well as other long-term community development activities. You will note that in the FY75 Budget Recommendation I have redesignated the Planning and Development Department as the Department of Housing and Community Development, which will serve not only to emphasize our progress toward consolidation and reorganization, but also to place the City of Cambridge in a better position to both fulfill its current responsibilities in urban renewal and to receive maximum funding under the new Community Development Special Revenue Sharing Program.

Accordingly, in light of our current short-term financial situation described above, I have submitted for your consideration and approval a transfer of \$79,500 from the Parking Fund to the Personnel Schedule of the Planning and Development Department so that all current personnel can be retained through June 30, 1974. I also request a transfer of \$30,100 to the Planning and Development Department's F-2 Account, of which \$20,000 will be to pay for consultant services on behalf of and reimbursable by the CRA. The transfer to the personnel accounts is to be divided as follows: \$33,400 to the A-1 Account; \$46,100 to the A-2 Account.

Additionally, I intend to enter into a contract with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority which will provide up to \$95,000 in payment for services rendered by the Planning and Development staff in the replanning of Kendall Square Urban Renewal Project to the CRA over a two-year period beginning July 1, 1974. Also, anticipated Federal funds under our Community Development Program will provide \$38,000 to the City after outstanding obligations in the program are paid. Thus the City stands to receive \$133,000 as an offset to the \$109,600 requested.

Very truly yours,

  
John H. Corcoran  
City Manager

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Appropriation in the Planning and Development in the sum of \$109,000.00

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*Order adopted*

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