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Cambridge City Council

In care of Acting City Clerk Mr. Paul Healy

The League of Women Voters has long been in favor of local and city-wide citizen participation in the planning and development of the city.

Last spring the League was pleased to participate in the Cambridge Advisory Committee efforts to create guide lines for membership on the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority. The result of this effort emphasized the need for broad city-wide representation on the Authority.

Now we are here to ask why so many of these criteria have been disregarded. Where is the imaginative advocate of housing for low-income people? Why are there no women on the

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Authority? Why are there no low-income people subject to the effects of urban renewal?

We find the proposed membership of the C.R.A. not in keeping with the goal of broad-scale citizen representation and we urge that the guidelines suggested by the Cambridge Advisory Committee be used in making the selection of members to the Redevelopment Authority.

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