



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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## LAW DEPARTMENT

May 16, 1980

RUSSELL B. HIGLEY  
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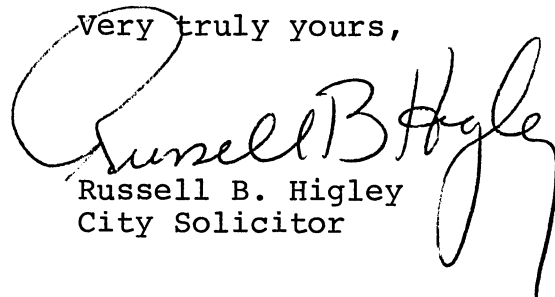
Dear Mr. Sullivan:

You have requested my opinion relative to the City appropriating One Hundred & Twenty eight thousand dollars (\$128,000.00) to support the Just-A-Start Program with funds from the tax levy.

The expenditure of public funds is closely regulated by statute. Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40 section 5 delineates the purposes for which municipality may appropriate money. There is no provision in that section for the payment of funds to a private non-profit corporation.

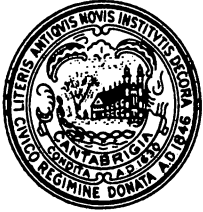
Therefore, it is my opinion that the proposed appropriation would be illegal.

Very truly yours,



Russell B. Higley  
City Solicitor

RBH:cp



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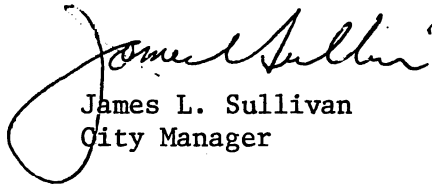
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JAMES L. SULLIVAN  
City Manager

May 19, 1980

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from Russell B.  
Higley, City Solicitor, relative to proposed appropria-  
tion of \$128,000 to support the Just-A-Start Program.

Very truly yours,

  
James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

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Opinion from Russell B. Higley, City  
Solicitor, re: funding the Just-A-Start  
Program with funds from the tax levy.

In City Council,

May 19, 1980

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See Order Adopted

this date

FOR APPROPRIATION

IN \$128,000 AS

Required

AND INCLUDED IN

FISCAL 1980-81 BUDGET

BY THE COUNCIL